



Tornadoes rake 2 Oklahoma cities, killing 2 and injuring 29

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EL RENO, Okla. (AP) — A tornado leveled a motel and tore through a mobile home park near Oklahoma City overnight, killing two people and injuring at least 29 others before a second twister raked a suburb of Tulsa more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) away, authorities said Sunday.

The first tornado touched down in El Reno, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of Oklahoma City, late Saturday night.

It crossed an interstate and walloped the American Budget Value Inn before ripping through the Skyview Estates trailer park, flipping and leveling homes, Mayor Matt White said at a news conference.



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Part of a roof is exposed at the American Budget Value Inn after a tornado moved through the area in El Reno, Okla., Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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Historic flooding predicted along Arkansas River



Volunteers fill sand bags at the soccer field parking lot in Chaffee Crossing, Ark., Saturday, May 25, 2019, for distribution throughout the area for flood prone areas around homes.

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FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — Residents in parts of Arkansas were preparing for what

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meteorologists on Sunday predicted will be the worst flooding in recorded history along parts of the Arkan-

sas River over the coming week. The National Weather Service said in the statement that levee "over topping" is likely with "significant impacts to life and property across a very large area." The Arkansas River reached 38.2 feet (11.6 meters) on Sunday near Fort Smith, Arkansas, surpassing the historic crest of 38.1 (11.6) feet in April 1945. Spokeswoman Karen Santos said the city of 80,000 residents that's on the border with Oklahoma was in "preparedness and warning mode." She said one home was completely submerged and about 500 homes either have water very close or in them. Authorities predict hundreds more homes and

businesses will flood by the time the river crests there Tuesday at 42.5 feet (13 meters). Across the river from Fort Smith, the tiny town of Mofett, Oklahoma, population about 120, was submerged by Saturday afternoon, Sequoyah County Emergency Management Director Steve Rutherford told the Times Record in Fort Smith. In downtown Van Buren, Arkansas, just northeast of Fort Smith, Rickey Jones, co-owner of Broken-Joe's Screen Printing, was among several business owners who put sandbags in front of their entrances. "We're going to be stacking things as high as we can in here, taking out electronics and helping out our neighbors," Jones said. On Sunday afternoon, a National Guard helicopter was sent to rescue two Army Corps of Engineers workers who had become trapped in a building as the Arkansas River rose, said Arkansas Department

of Emergency Management spokeswoman Melody Daniel. "The river had risen and spread to a point where the lock and dam building itself was no longer accessible by boat or road," said Daniel, who took video of the rescue at the Trimble Lock and Dam, located on the county line of Crawford and Sebastian counties. She said there were also several road closures due to high water. The water flowing into the Arkansas River has come from rains in southeast Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma, said National Weather Service meteorologist Willie Gilmore. "All that water funneled down into the tributaries that go into the Arkansas River," Gilmore said. In Tulsa, authorities advised residents of some neighborhoods on Sunday to consider leaving for higher ground because the river is stressing the city's old levee system. □

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Rep. John Lewis tells graduates to 'get in trouble'



Civil rights icon and U.S. Rep. John Lewis delivers the commencement address during the Framingham State University's undergraduate commencement ceremony at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass., on Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — U.S. Rep. John Lewis urged graduates of Framingham State University in Massachusetts on Sunday to "get in trouble" and to build "bridges, not walls." The Georgia Democrat, a veteran of the 1960s civil rights movement, was the keynote speaker at the school's commencement at the DCU Center in Worcester. He hearkened back to his days growing up in a segregated South, and remembered being told not

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to question the status quo. "They said, 'Boy, that's the way it is. Don't get in the way, don't get in trouble,'" Lewis said. "But I was inspired to get in trouble: Good trouble, necessary trouble. Lewis was arrested dozens of times and was physically attacked during the civil rights movement, but told students to follow the non-violent examples of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. Inspired by King, he joined and then rose to become a leader of the civil rights movement. □

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"It's a tragic scene out there," White said, adding later that, "People have absolutely lost everything." He said the city established a GoFundMe site, the City of El Reno Tornado Relief Fund, for affected families. Several other businesses were also damaged, though not to the same extent as the motel.

The two people who were killed were in the mobile home park, White said. He did not provide additional details about them. The 29 people who were injured were taken to hospitals, where some were undergoing surgery. Some of the injuries were deemed critical, he said.

The National Weather Service gave the tornado an EF3 rating, meaning it had wind speeds of 136-165 mph (219-266 kph). Personnel who investigated the damage said the tornado began around 10:28 p.m. Saturday and lasted for four minutes. The tornado was about 75 yards wide at its widest point and was on the ground for 2.2 miles (3.5 kilometers).

The tornado was spawned by a powerful storm system that rolled through the state — the latest in a week of violent storms to hit the flood-weary Plains and Midwest that have been blamed for at least 11 deaths, including the two killed in El Reno.

Early Sunday, another tornado destroyed several buildings and downed trees and power lines in the Tulsa suburb of Sapulpa, which is 110 miles (177 kilometers)

northeast of El Reno. Pete Snyder, a hydrometeorological technician with the weather service in Tulsa, said crews were assessing damage to determine the tornado's rating. The area also experienced damage from strong straight-line winds, he said.

The Sapulpa Police Department said on its Facebook page that it hadn't heard of any deaths and that only a few minor injuries had been reported.

Residents wandered around after sunrise to survey the damage, carefully avoiding fallen utility poles that blocked some streets. Among the buildings that were destroyed was a historic railroad building built in the early 1900s that the Farmers Feed Store had been using for storage. A furniture store's warehouse was also destroyed.

Tweety Garrison, 63, told The Associated Press that she was in her mobile home with her husband, two young grandchildren and a family friend when she heard the storm coming and immediately hit the ground. Moments later, she heard her neighbor's mobile home slam into hers before it flipped over and landed on her roof.

Garrison said the incident lasted five to 10 minutes and that she received a tornado warning on her phone but the sirens didn't go off until after the twister hit. Her 32-year-old son, Elton Garrison, said he heard the wailing tornado sirens and had just laid down at home about a half-mile (1 kilometer) away when his phone rang. He recog-

nized his mother's number, but there was no voice on the other end when he answered. "I thought, 'That's weird,'" he said.

Then his mother called back, and delivered a chilling message: "We're trapped."

He said when he arrived at his parent's home, he found it blocked by debris and sitting with another trailer on top of it. He began clearing a path to the home so that he could eventually lift a portion of an outside wall just enough so that all five occupants could slip beneath it and escape. □



An historic railroad building owned by Farmers Feed Store was destroyed by a suspected tornado which hit Sapulpa, Okla., early Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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State prosecutors struggle with human trafficking cases

By PHILIP MARCELO

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Laws cracking down on human trafficking are on the books in all 50 states, but convictions are notoriously elusive, and state prosecutors haven't come close to matching the success their federal counterparts have had in winning cases.

States need to add resources into support trafficking victims, educate the public and train law enforcement if the numbers of prosecutions and convictions are to improve, officials and experts say. In at least a dozen states, attorneys general are not even authorized to pursue human trafficking charges. Records requested from all 50 states by The Associated Press indicate a low conviction rate since Washington became the first state to enact a human trafficking law in 2003. A previous study suggested a 45% conviction rate through roughly the first decade of the laws.

In contrast, the conviction rate for prosecutions under the federal Traffick-



In this Dec. 1, 2017 file photo, silhouettes telling the stories of survivors are placed along the stairs leading to the second floor at the Sanctum House, a shelter for survivors of human trafficking, in Detroit, Mich.

ing Victims Protection Act, enacted in 2000, is about 80%, according to Justice Department data.

"We're not fully where we need to be, but it's encouraging to see states pursue these cases," said Bradley Myles, executive director of the Polaris Project, which lobbied for passage of the

state laws. "Prosecutors are still learning how to prosecute these cases successfully. We're in the process of seeing the field mature more. It's going to take time."

Underscoring the difficulties is the misdemeanor case against New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft,

whose attorneys May 13 succeeded in getting video evidence suppressed. The decision, if upheld, could force prosecutors to drop charges against Kraft and potentially others among the 300 men facing solicitation charges as part of a sweeping investigation of massage parlor prostitution and possible human trafficking in Florida.

Some spa owners and operators also face felony prostitution charges, but none of the defendants has been charged under the state's human trafficking law.

Some local officials point out that prosecutors do often win convictions on other, oftentimes lower charges that can still take suspected human traffickers off the street for a time, not unlike how murder charges are sometimes downgraded to manslaughter. The study that found a 45% conviction rate also found that 72% of human trafficking cases that were examined did lead to some sort of conviction.

In the Florida prostitution case, many of the spa operators are being prosecuted under the state's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, which calls for the same maximum penalty, 30 years in prison, as for human traf-

ficking. That means prosecutors won't have to rely on the testimony of trafficking victims, which is frequently difficult to procure, in order to build their cases while still being able to pursue long sentences, said Jeffrey Hendriks, a prosecutor in Fort Pierce handling six of the felony cases.

"From a legal analysis, what's the loss? We want to try to put these people away for up to 30 years. Why rest your whole case on the victims?" Hendriks said.

"I don't want to sound flip, but that's the analysis. It's just a better fit."

Most states aren't required to track prosecutions and convictions for human trafficking crimes.

The AP asked state attorneys general or other state agencies for tallies of human trafficking prosecutions, human trafficking convictions and convictions on other charges in their states since their local law was enacted.

The AP also asked for how many cases resulted in no conviction or are still pending.

Five states did not respond. Of those that did, many supplied figures for one or some of the categories but not others, so full tallies and direct comparisons aren't possible. But the AP's review does suggest there have been many hundreds of prosecutions for human trafficking nationally, but relatively few convictions, let alone for human trafficking crimes.

Nearly 500 others were convicted of lesser but related crimes, such as prostitution and drug charges. Nearly 300 others resulted in no conviction, either because of a not guilty verdict or because charges were dropped or dismissed, and more than 200 cases are pending.

Some states should consider giving their attorneys general authority to prosecute human trafficking cases, suggested Julie Dahlstrom, a law professor who heads Boston University's Immigrants' Rights & Human Trafficking Program. □

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Bernie Sanders holds first home state rally of 2020 campaign

By LISA RATHKE
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders held his first home state rally of his 2020 campaign, telling a large crowd on the Vermont Statehouse lawn that his ideas that seemed radical to some in the last presidential election — such as health care for all and raising the minimum wage — are not so radical today. Sanders on Saturday asked for support to help him to defeat President Donald Trump, who he called “the most dangerous president in the history of this country.”

“The principals of our government will be based on justice, economic justice, racial justice, social justice and environmental justice,” he told the cheering crowd. “Our campaign and our government is about bringing our people together, not dividing us.”



Presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders held his first home state rally of his 2020 campaign on Saturday, May 25, 2019, in front of the Statehouse in Montpelier, VT.

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Sanders also said he's opposed to going to war with Iran as he was opposed to the Iraq war and the Vietnam war.

U.S. Rep. Peter Welch and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream co-founder Ben Cohen touted Sanders' consistent message and his achievements in the state where the independent senator

got his political start in a narrow victory in the mayor's race in Vermont's largest city of Burlington nearly 40 years ago.

Sanders was always for a higher minimum wage, equality, health care for all, and affordable, accessible and free higher education, said Welch, a Democrat.

“Bernie Sanders is a doer,

he's a healer, he's a unifier and yes, he's been consistent,” said Welch. “He's been consistent in his friendships, he's been consistent in his advocacy for Vermont and he has been consistent in his advocacy for the opportunities for all Americans and it is about time that we get a president of the United States who knows where he comes from and who he's for.”

Sanders kicked off his previous presidential campaign in Vermont in 2015 but chose not to launch his 2020 run in his home state. He held his first campaign rally in Brooklyn in early March.

On Saturday, grammy winning singer and songwriter Brandi Carlile performed. Linda Grantham of Waterbury Center, Vermont, attended to see Sanders in person. □

10 wounded as gunmen open fire outside New Jersey bar

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — At least two gunmen fired into a crowd outside a bar in New Jersey's capital city, wounding 10 people, two critically, but the motive for the shooting remains unknown, authorities said.

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo Onofri said a vehicle pulled up to the corner outside Ramoneros Liquor and Bar in Trenton at about 12:25 a.m. Saturday and when the shooters fired more than 30 shots before fleeing. Five men and five women were taken to a hospital with gunshot wounds. Two of the male victims were listed in critical but stable condition while



This photo provided by 3 CBS Philadelphia shows police canvassing the scene of a shooting in Trenton, N.J. on Saturday, May 25, 2019.

the others were in stable condition. Police Director Sheilah Coley said the 10 victims — eight Trenton residents, one person from Ewing Township and one from Willingboro — were “just out for a night of fun

and then it turned into a night of violence.” She said police were looking at surveillance footage and trying to identify the vehicle. State police were now providing help in patrolling the city, she said. □

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Hawaii woman rescued from forest told self not to give up

Associated Press

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) —

A Hawaii woman who was found alive in a forest on Maui island after going missing more than two weeks ago said she at times struggled not to give up.

Amanda Eller told the New York Times that despite these moments, she told herself "the only option I had was life or death."

"I heard this voice that said, 'If you want to live, keep going.' And as soon as I would doubt my intuition and try to go another way than where it was telling me, something would stop me, a branch would fall on me, I'd stub my toe, or I'd trip," said Eller, 35, a physical therapist and yoga instructor. "So I was like, 'OK, there is only one way to go.'"

Eller was found injured Friday in the Makawao Forest Reserve.

Eller, who is from the Maui town of Haiku, went missing



From left, Sarah Haynes, rescue lead Javier Cantelops, and Julia Eller, mother of Amanda Eller, speaks during a news conference about the rescue of Amanda Eller on Saturday, May 25, 2019 in Wailuku, Maui.

on May 8. Her white Toyota RAV4 was found in the forest parking lot with her phone and wallet inside.

Hundreds of volunteers searched for her. Eller's

parents offered a \$10,000 reward to encourage people to find her.

Eller told the Times that she had intended to go on a short trail walk. She went

off the path at one point to rest, and when she resumed hiking, she got turned around.

"I wanted to go back the way I'd come, but my gut

was leading me another way — and I have a very strong gut instinct," Eller said. "So, I said, my car is this way and I'm just going to keep going until I reach it." She said she kept trying to get back to her car but wound up going deeper into the jungle.

During her ordeal, she fell off a cliff, which led her to fracture her leg and tear the meniscus in her knee, a friend, Katie York, told the Times. "I looked up and they were right on top of me," Eller told the Times. "I was like, 'Oh my God,' and I just broke down and started bawling."

Javier Cantelops said he was searching for Eller from a helicopter along with Chris Berquist and Troy Helmers when they spotted her about 3:45 p.m. Friday near the Kailua reservoir, according to Maui Police Department spokesman Lt. Gregg Okamoto and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. □

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Huge firefighting aircraft ready for wildfire season

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Global SuperTanker, the world's largest firefighting

aircraft, is ready for the upcoming wildfire season. The Arizona Republic reports that the Boeing 747-



In this May 5, 2016, file photo, the Boeing 747-400 Global SuperTanker drops half a load of its 19,400-gallon capacity during a ceremony at Colorado Springs, Colo.

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in just 13 minutes. "It's a force multiplier," chief pilot Cliff Hale said. "When you need to build containment lines fast, having that very large capacity can really help the guys out on the ground."

Hale was a captain with now defunct Evergreen Airlines when he came up with the idea to turn a 747 into a tanker. An early version of the SuperTanker was first used during a 2009 fire in Alaska that burned more than 500,000 acres (202,347 hectares).

That first SuperTanker was destroyed for salvage after Evergreen went bankrupt. Scott Olson, now vice president of maintenance for Global SuperTanker, later found a new plane. □

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San Francisco police union calls for chief to resign

By DAISY NGUYEN
Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The union representing San Francisco police officers demanded Saturday that its chief resign, accusing him of blaming officers for raids that he ordered to determine who leaked a police report to a freelance journalist.

Chief William Scott acknowledged Friday that the searches were probably illegal and apologized for the way his department handled the investigation, telling the San Francisco Chronicle, "I'm sorry that this happened."

Bryan Carmody was handcuffed for hours on May 10 while police, armed with a sledgehammer, searched his home and office to uncover the source of a leaked report on the unexpected death of the city's former public defender. They subsequently removed dozens of Carmody's cameras, cellphones, computers and other equipment.

Media organizations across the country criticized the raids as a violation of California's shield law, which specifically protects journalists from search warrants.

Because the warrants are under seal, it's not known what information police provided to support the searches or to what extent they disclosed that Carmody is a journalist.

Scott initially defended the raid, telling the city Police Commission his department went through the appropriate legal process. However, on Friday he said he reviewed all material related to the searches and acknowledged the warrants didn't adequately identify Carmody as a journalist. He blamed department investigators for their "lack of due diligence."

"This has raised important questions about our handling of this case and whether the California

shield law was violated," Scott said.

The police union fired back on Saturday, saying in a scathing statement that Scott was actively involved in directing the investigation. Because the chief's office issues press credentials, the union alleged that Scott knew Carmody was a journalist and did not disclose that fact to the sergeant who wrote the search warrant.

"Chief Scott oversaw and ordered the investigation and raid of a journalist's home, and then when the optics did not go his way, he threw the men and women who carried out his orders under a double-decker bus," said Tony Montoya, president of the 2,200-member San Francisco Police Officers Association. Mayor London Breed requested an independent probe into the way police executed the search warrant, which could lead to charges, and the ongoing investigation into who leaked the report, which could lead to discipline for officers.

Montoya called for a separate investigation into Scott, adding the chief should be placed on administrative leave during the probe. Scott didn't respond to the specific allegations made by the union, but a department statement issued Saturday said an additional probe by the Department of Police Accountability will examine how the case was handled on all levels, including the command staff and the chief.

"Chief Scott has made it abundantly clear that transparency and accountability are paramount in this criminal investigation," the statement said.

Reporters and other First Amendment organizations want a judge to revoke search warrants that authorized the raid and to unseal the materials submitted in support of them. □



In this May 21, 2019, file photo, San Francisco Police Chief William Scott speaks during a news conference in San Francisco.
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Countries to watch as divided Europe chooses its parliament

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BRUSSELS (AP) — As voters in all 28 European Union countries elect a new shared parliament, here are some key races to watch in the battle to fill the 751 seats in the European Parliament:

ITALY
Italy's anti-migrant, anti-Islam interior minister, Matteo Salvini, has been campaigning hard to boost his right-wing League party to become the No. 1 party in Italy and possibly Europe.

Salvini has been using his hard-line credentials to expand a parliamentary group of European populists that already includes far-right politicians in France, Germany and Austria. Salvini is promising to restore sovereignty over key issues like immigration to national capitals, thwarting the EU's drive toward closer integration of its members.

In Europe, the populists will find it difficult to deliver on their transformation promises. But Salvini is also looking to capitalize on the outcome of the European elections to boost his power at home in the League's uneasy populist ruling coalition with the left-wing 5-Star Movement.

Salvini could use European electoral gains to leverage his position in the government and pass policies important to his base of northern Italian entrepreneurs, like a flat tax or the high-speed train connecting Lyon, France, with Turin.

FRANCE

Anti-immigration, far-right flagbearer Marine Le Pen looks set for victory over pro-EU centrist President Emmanuel Macron in their epic battle over Europe's



A young boy with a balloon walks by a sign erected by climate activists outside the European Parliament in Brussels, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

Associated Press

direction. That's bad news not just for Macron — but also for the French leader's grand ambitions for a more united Europe.

It's sweet revenge for Le Pen, runner-up to Macron in France's 2017 presidential race. And it's a boost for her efforts to spread her anti-EU message beyond France's borders. For Le Pen, the race was a battle to preserve European civilization from the threat of "massive immigration" and uncontrolled globalization. Macron wants EU countries to share budgets and soldiers and work even more closely together to keep Europe globally relevant and prevent conflict. For Macron, Le Pen represents the "leprosy" of nationalism that is eating the EU from within.

Polling agency projections Sunday night showed Le Pen's National Rally party in the lead in France's voting, with Macron's governing Republic on the Move party in second place.

France's Greens party was projected to come in a surprisingly strong third place

— easily beating the traditional conservative party the Republicans, far-left Defiant France and once-dominant Socialist Party.

As far-right parties courted the youth vote, Le Pen turned to 23-year-old Jordan Bardella to lead her National Rally party to victory. He called the result a "clear punishment" both for Macron and the EU itself.

GERMANY

Germany's governing parties are headed for their worst post-World War II results in a nationwide election, with the environmentalist Greens emerging as the big winner.

Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right Union bloc was easily the biggest party, exit polls indicated, but with support of less than 30%. The picture looks disastrous for their center-left partners in an often-fractious "grand coalition," the Social Democrats, who are set to score well under 20%. It remains to be seen what effect those results will have on the governing coalition, which took office in March

last year after months of wrangling and has since been marred by infighting; and on the future of their leaders.

The Greens appeared set to confirm a surge in support in recent polls amid concern over climate change, finishing second. The far-right Alternative for Germany, though, was set for an indifferent performance.

HUNGARY

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban describes the European Parliament vote as "decisive" for Hungary and Europe, an opportunity for populist and anti-migration forces to have a larger say in setting the agenda in Brussels.

While his party's victory in Hungary is unquestioned, where the allegiances of Orban and his right-wing Fidesz party will lie after the election on the European scene is far less certain.

Fidesz's membership in the center-right European People's Party, currently the largest group in the EU legislature, was suspended in March because of concerns about the state of Hungary's democracy. So Orban has spent the past few weeks hosting far-right, nationalist and populist politicians at his new office in Buda Castle.

Orban says he wants to stay in the center-right bloc while getting the EPP to cooperate more closely with nationalist and populist parties like Salvini's League. That notion has been emphatically rejected by leading politicians from the EPP, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

BRITAIN

Britain wasn't supposed to take part in the European Parliament elections at all, but had to organize a last-minute campaign when its planned March exit from the EU was postponed.

The British voting Thursday came amid intense political turmoil sparked by its 2016 referendum to quit the EU. Embattled Prime Minister Theresa May will now step down as Conservative Party leader on June 7 after failing to deliver Brexit.

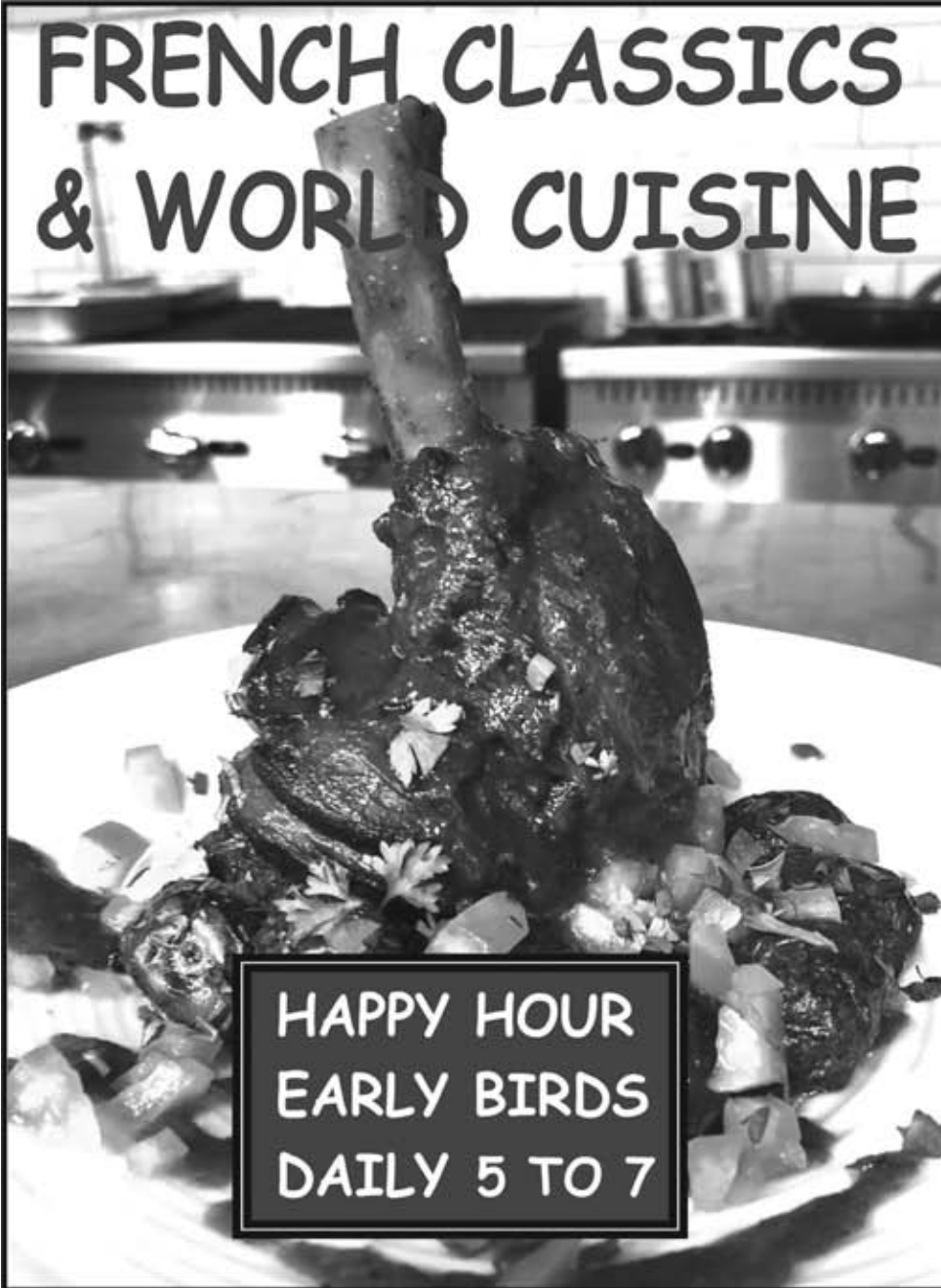
Both Britain's Conservatives and the Labour Party are predicted to be heading for an electoral pasting in the European vote due to the chaos over Brexit. Britain's Brexit party, led by Nigel Farage, has appeared to gain strength in recent voter surveys.

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A projection for Austrian public television and the country's national news agency points to a big win for Chancellor Sebastian Kurz's center-right party in the European Parliament election, with the far-right Freedom Party finishing far behind in third place. That would be a big boost for Kurz before a national election expected in September.

Heinz-Christian Strache quit last weekend as vice chancellor and Freedom Party leader after a leaked video showed him appearing to offer favors to a purported Russian investor during a boozy meeting on the Spanish island of Ibiza two years ago. Kurz then called for a new election and is now running an interim government with experts replacing the Freedom Party's ministers. □

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Greens triumph as German governing parties perform poorly

By **GEIR MOULSON**
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's governing parties were headed for their worst post-World War II showing in a nationwide election on Sunday amid discontent with their stuttering performance over the past year, with the Greens surging to second place in the European Parliament vote amid increasing concern about climate change. Projections for ARD and ZDF public television, based on exit polls and partial counting, put support for Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right Union bloc at around 28% and the Social Democrats, their partners in an often-fractious "grand coalition" of what have traditionally been Germany's biggest parties, around 15.5%. Five years ago, they took 35.4% and 27.3% respectively. The Greens powered past the Social Democrats into second place, increasing



Green party chairwoman Annalena Baerbock and EU parliament member Sven Giegold celebrate after the first results in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

their score to around 21%, the projections showed. That is nearly double their 10.7% showing in 2014. It was an indifferent evening for the far-right Alternative for Germany, which celebrated increasing its presence in the European Parliament but looked set

to fall short of its showing in Germany's 2017 national election. The party was seen taking about 10.5%, up from 7.1% five years ago. It wasn't immediately clear whether the outcome would further destabilize Merkel's national govern-

ing coalition, following long-running speculation that its end could be hastened by poor results Sunday. The Social Democrats appeared on course for another disastrous result in a state election in Bremen, a longtime stronghold, also

held Sunday. Three further state elections in eastern Germany await this fall — as does a previously agreed review of the coalition's work, halfway through the scheduled parliamentary term. Merkel has said she won't run for a fifth term in the next national election, which isn't due until 2021, but questions have swirled over whether the government will last that long. It took six months to form that government after Germany's last election, and its image was tarnished by infighting last year. Merkel largely stayed out of this campaign, which was a first test for Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, her successor since December as leader of the Christian Democratic Union party. Kramp-Karrenbauer told supporters in Berlin that "this election result does not do justice to the expectations we have of ourselves as a major party." □

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Iraqi court sentences 3 French members of IS to death

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A Baghdad court on Sunday sentenced three French citizens to death for being members of the Islamic State group, an Iraqi judicial official said. They were the first French IS members to receive death sentences in Iraq, where they were transferred for trial from neighboring Syria.

The verdict raised new questions about the legal treatment of thousands of foreign nationals formerly with the extremist group. Many now languish in prisons in Iraq or detention camps in northern Syria. Their home countries hesitate to take back citizens they see as having gone willingly to join the militant group.

The official said the three were among 12 French citizens whom the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces handed over to Iraq in January. The Kurdish-led group spearheads the fight against IS in Syria and has handed over to Iraq hundreds of suspected IS



In this May 23, 2018 file photo, security guards stand outside the building where Islamic State militants are tried in a special counterterrorism court in Baghdad, Iraq.

members in recent months. The convicted French militants can appeal the sentences within a month, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media.

Iraqi President Barham Saleh had said during a February visit to Paris that the 12 will be prosecuted in accordance with Iraqi laws. In March, Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi asserted Iraq's authority to try foreign IS suspects detained in Syria because "the battlefields were one." The trials of the French na-

tionals in Baghdad raise the difficult question of whether foreign IS suspects should be tried and punished in the country of their alleged crimes, even when there are serious doubts about the impartiality of the courts in Iraq and Syria. Human rights groups including Human Rights Watch have criticized Iraq's han-

dling of IS trials, accusing authorities of relying on circumstantial evidence and often extracting confessions under torture.

The thousands of men and women who came from around the world to join the self-styled Islamic caliphate have been left in limbo following the group's territorial defeat earlier this year in Syria.

The three men are the first French IS members to receive death sentences in Iraq. It wasn't immediately clear how France, which abolished the death penalty nearly four decades ago, will react to the sentence.

The trials are a test for how the international community handles the thousands of foreign nationals who stayed, or were trapped, with the Islamic State group through its dying days.

Iraqi prosecutors say the 12 French nationals are accused of belonging to IS, were parties or accomplices to its crimes, and threatened the national security of Iraq. Simply belonging to the extremist group is punishable by life in prison or execution under Iraq's counter-terrorism laws. □

Associated Press

Explosions in Nepal's capital leave 3 dead, 8 wounded

By BINAJ GURUBACHARYA
Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Three explosions killed three people and wounded at least eight in different parts of Nepal's capital on Sunday, with police suspecting that an outlawed communist group was responsible. Police official Shyam Lal Gyawali said authorities were investigating the blasts. The first two explosions occurred within minutes apart in two Kathmandu neighborhoods, while the third one was a few hours later. Police said they suspect that a group that once split from the ruling Communist party was responsible for the blasts because its members have been protesting the arrests of their supporters by the



Nepalese army personnel examine the site of an explosion in Kathmandu, Nepal, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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authorities. The first explosion occurred in northern Kathmandu, killing two people and injuring five, police said. The second blast was in a house in the central part of the city, killing one and injuring one. Police believe the men in the house are linked to the outlawed group, which is known for violence. They

said they found pamphlets from the group at the second explosion site. The areas around the two blast sites were quickly closed by police and the injured were taken to hospitals. Police said a third explosion injured two people who they believe were members of the group transporting the explosive device. □



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Thai Former Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda dead at 98

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Prem Tinsulanonda, one of Thailand's most influential political figures over four decades who served as army commander, prime minister and adviser to the royal palace, has died at age 98. His death Sunday in a Bangkok hospital was announced by the government's Public Relations Department, confirming earlier unofficial reports in Thai media.

Prem was best noted for his longstanding devotion to the monarchy, especially the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who appointed him to his Privy Council immediately after he stepped down as prime minister, and named him head of that powerful advisory body in 1998. His close relationship with Bhumibol helped cement the military's ties with the palace, ensuring they were the country's two most powerful institutions. Prem served as prime min-



In this Nov. 11, 2014 file photo, former Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda attends a charity function in Bangkok, Thailand.

Associated Press

ister from 1980 to 1988. While most Thai army commanders came to the position through coups, Prem was elected by parliament though he never ran for office.

Critics questioned his devotion to democracy, and later accused him of encouraging, if not engineering, the 2006 coup that ousted elected Prime Min-

ister Thaksin Shinawatra. He denied the charge, but his behind-the-scenes power-brokering underlined the influence he continued to hold in the military. Well-publicized annual pilgrimages to his Bangkok home to convey birthday greetings were undertaken by all army brass.

Prem appeared to be in vigorous health for his age

until recently. He appeared frail at two most recent public appearances: voting in the March general election and the coronation of Bhumibol's son, King Maha Vajiralongkorn, earlier this month.

As prime minister himself, Prem weathered two attempted coups and was reportedly the target of assassination plots by his enemies in the army.

Junior officers pushed a reluctant Prem into taking the prime minister's job in 1980, when Thailand faced an ailing economy and perils on the border with Cambodia, which had been occupied by Vietnamese forces who had driven out the communist Khmer Rouge regime but also sent hundreds of thousands of refugees into Thailand. At the same time, Thailand had expanded ties with China and allies in the West, Japan and Southeast Asia.

At home, Prem relied on a general amnesty and other

political means to prompt massive defections from the communist guerrilla movement.

Prem was born in the major southern fishing port of Songkhla on Aug. 26 1920. He attended the prestigious Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy in Bangkok and later U.S. Army schools. He began his military career in 1941 as a second lieutenant in a tank regiment. He first achieved national prominence in 1974-77, when as army commander in the Thailand's poor rural northeast he stressed rural development and civic action instead of military might in a successful campaign against communist insurgents.

He was appointed deputy interior minister in 1977 and later army commander in chief and defense minister. He became prime minister in March 1980, after the resignation of Kriangsak Chomanand, another former military leader. □

Thousands in Hong Kong commemorate 1989 Tiananmen protests

By KATIE TAM

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — More than 2,000 people marched in Hong Kong on Sunday to mark 30 years since a pro-democracy protest in Beijing's Tiananmen Square ended in bloodshed.

Demonstrators took to the streets holding yellow umbrellas that read "Support Freedom, Oppose Evil Laws." Some people carried a black coffin, while others wheeled white crosses and the numbers 6 and



Pro-Beijing supporters destroy yellow umbrellas, used to mark protesting denouncing far-reaching Beijing control, during a demonstration in Hong Kong, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

Associated Press

4 — a nod to the day on June 4, 1989, when leaders of China's ruling Communist Party ordered the military to re-take Tiananmen Square from student-led protesters.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of unarmed protesters and onlookers were killed late on June 3 and in the early hours of June 4 as a result of the martial action.

Commemorations of the historic event are strictly banned in mainland China, and those who attempt to

raise awareness of or merely discuss it are often punished by authorities. Groups such as the "Tiananmen Mothers" are pressured to stay quiet about the children they lost, while others are detained for making even subtle tributes to the occasion.

The semi-autonomous territory of Hong Kong, however, holds yearly vigils and other gatherings to remember the deceased and pay tribute to the spirit of the protests. □

Backers of embattled Bolsonaro take to streets in Brazil

By ANNA JEAN KAISER

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Thousands gathered in cities across Brazil on Sunday to show support for President Jair Bolsonaro, who faces an uncooperative Congress, street protests, a family corruption scandal and falling approval ratings five months into his term.

The stumbling start for the far-right leader who rode a wave of dissatisfaction with Brazil's political class to victory led his backers to call for the demonstrations, which represented a mixed bag of demands and protests.

Supporters sang the national anthem and waved Brazilian flags while chanting the names of Bolsonaro cabinet members. Many said that Brazil's institutions were not letting Bolsonaro govern. Some called for the closure of Congress and the Supreme Court.

"We need to clean out Congress," said Neymar de Menezes, a 45-year-old construction contractor. "Unfortunately all the deputies there are compromised and all about deal making. Bolsonaro is fighting them by himself."

Bolsonaro, who earlier in his political career said he would close Congress if he were ever president, told reporters on Friday he



A supporter of Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro helps carry a photo of the president during a rally on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

Associated Press

didn't support calls to close institutions.

"That would not be good for Brazil," Bolsonaro said. "That's more Maduro than Jair Bolsonaro," he added, referring to Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro.

The call for demonstrations created a rift among Brazil's conservatives. The president of Bolsonaro's party said protests "don't make sense."

"For the love of God, stop with the calls for protests, these people need a reality check," tweeted Janaína Paschoal, a federal con-

gresswoman whose name was floated as a potential vice president. She said Bolsonaro's biggest risk was himself, his sons and some of his staff members.

"Wake up! On the 26th, if the streets are empty, Bolsonaro will realize he has to stop with the drama and do his job," she said.

Bolsonaro did not participate in the demonstrations. Speaking at a church service in Rio de Janeiro, he said demonstrators were on the streets to, "deliver a message to those who insist on keeping the old politics

who aren't allowing the people to be free."

The idea for demonstrations in favor of Bolsonaro gained steam after tens of thousands of people across Brazil last week protested budget cuts to public education imposed by his government. Bolsonaro dismissed the student-led protests, calling their participants "imbeciles" and "useful idiots."

It was the first mass street movement against the former army captain who took office on Jan. 1 and has seen his popularity steadily

slipping. Roughly as many people now disapprove of his government as approve of it.

Pollster XP Investimentos said its poll showed 36% of Brazilians think Bolsonaro's government is bad or terrible and 34% say it's good or great. The firm surveyed 1,000 people on May 21-22, with a margin of error of 3.2 percentage points.

"Bolsonaro got off to a very bad start, especially in the first month," said Sergio Praça, a political scientist at the Getulio Vargas Foundation University, referring to a corruption scandal involving his family.

Just weeks into his presidency, questions mounted over a report from financial regulators that flagged irregular payments in 2016 and 2017 between his son, Flavio, then a state legislator and now a senator, and his driver. Prosecutors suspect the payments are part of a common scheme in lower levels of Brazilian government in which politicians hire ghost employees who kick back portions of their salaries into the elected official's bank account. Bolsonaro and his son ran on anti-corruption platforms — a large reason why many voters chose him over the leftist candidate from the scandal-ridden Worker's Party. □

Magnitude 8 earthquake strikes Amazon jungle in Peru

By FRANKLIN BRICENO

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) —

A powerful magnitude 8.0 earthquake struck a remote part of the Amazon jungle in Peru early Sunday, collapsing buildings and knocking out power to some areas but causing only one reported death.

The quake struck at 2:41 a.m. and was centered in a vast nature preserve 57 miles (92 kilometers) east of the small town of Yurimaguas. Helping limit damage was the earthquake's depth, at 70 miles (114 kilometers) below the surface, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Earthquakes



In this photo courtesy of Hoy Noticias media, a road is left cracked after a magnitude 8.0 earthquake in San Martín, Peru, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

Associated Press

that are close to the surface generally cause more

destruction. President Martín Vizcarra

called for calm before traveling to the zone with members of his cabinet to survey the damage. He said first reports indicate a bridge had collapsed and several homes and roads had been affected.

"It's a quake that was felt throughout the Peruvian jungle," said Vizcarra, who was scheduled to host a regional summit Sunday in the capital with the presidents of Bolivia, Colombia and Ecuador.

Ricardo Seijas, chief of the National Emergency Operations Center, said one person died when a rock fell on a house in the Huarango district.

A preliminary survey by authorities found that six people were injured and 27 homes damaged across seven provinces. Three schools, three hospitals and two churches were also affected.

In Yurimaguas, a bridge and several old houses collapsed, and the electricity was cut, according to the National Emergency Operations Center.

Images circulating on social media showed residents in several parts of the country panicked as the quake shook buildings. The quake also awoke people in Lima, who ran out of their homes in fear. □

LOCAL



Fundacion Museo Arubano: custodian of local culture



ORANJESTAD — With the adaptation and revision of Fundacion Museo Arubano (FMA) in 2015 an important new chapter was initiated in the history of this institution. This revision and expansion allowed for an additional impetus to this organization that up to this point had directed the Historical Museum located in Fort Zoutman (Oranjestad). For FMA it has always been an honor and great responsibility to follow in the footsteps of those that had this mission at heart and contributed for decades to the preservation of these monuments and acquisition of collections in order to inform and inspire the Aruban public through exhibits and displays within these structures.

Today we can proudly announce that our foundation consists of three museums: namely, Historical Museum, Industry Museum (San Nicolas), Community Museum (San Nicolas), and an exhibit space Carnival Euphoria which will eventually become the Carnival Museum (San Nicolas). Furthermore, we have set as our goal, to expand the structure of FMA in order to accommodate even more museums within this structure, thus facilitating our mission in relation to cultural and natural heritage of the island.

One aspect that has played an important role in recent years of rapid develop-



ment on the island is the idea of value, where we can observe a distinct difference when we speak of economic value and cultural value. With economic value we automatically think in monetary terms and exchange of goods. However, when speaking of cultural value, we are addressing certain qualities that possess a much deeper meaning. Values, that cannot be translated into monetary transactions, but are nonetheless important and beneficial to the general well-being and sense of value of a whole community. Our museums want to play a key role in order to accentuate this cultural value and help connect the general public with it. There are important aspects that become essential in this mission; for example aspects such as the diffusion of knowledge, academic research, conservation of material and immaterial culture, as well as achieving a balance between focus on objects and focus on audience.



The rapid pace of development and the effects of globalization have positioned museums once more in a position where local cultural awareness, authenticity, and the attraction of audiences become crucial. Museums can no longer be passive and are obligated to re-examine their position and role amongst the community they represent, thus becoming true catalyst for social and cultural change. Furthermore, our museums will play an essential role in this new scenario where the role of museum directors and curators has shifted from the usual focus on collect, preserve, and interpret to a focus on enlighten, inspire and attract (audience).

Fundacion Museo Arubano has embarked on a reinvigorated mission that positions our cultural heritage at a central position within the Aruba experience. By achieving this, it can become a model within the region, activating cultural heritage in a participatory and audience based manner. By forging strategic local as well as international partnerships, FMA aims to position the island of Aruba as a significant player when it comes to cultural heritage and in this way become a true cultural destination. A long overdue homage to the many blessings our ancestors have entrusted us with. □

SBMF19: Weekend of Touching Souls A Focus on the world's best Beach Party



ORANJESTAD — Whether it is with laughter or with music, last Friday and Saturday night's Soul Beach Music Festival touched souls. Deon Cole and Aida Rodriguez put some smiles on faces during Friday's Comedy Night and R&B legend Charlie Wilson and Grammy Award winner, H.E.R., were a motivation to the public to indulge in music on Saturday night. With the foundation of a solid organization behind the scene, Soul Beach Music Festival is all about enjoying great music with the back drop of a tropical paradise.

Charlie Wilson has had quite a journey in life. After hitting rock bottom with addiction, he grasped an opportunity to make a life-change that takes him on stage, now at a stage of 23-years of sobriety. His show is uplifting, dynamic and enhances a lot of interaction with the audience. He is still full in the game and gave it all Saturday night; nevertheless Aruba's heat must have been an extra challenge to the artist. H.E.R. won two Grammy Awards this year, and the young artist managed to show the audience the reason for that. Her voice is pure and strong and her performance very cool and no-nonsense. "I love Aruba, it is so diverse in cultures," she said to the press. "If I could change anything with my music it would be the way we treat the planet right now. We ruin a lot for generations to come with a lot of animals that won't exist and places that won't exist." She got to hear more of Caribbean music



being in New York and she felt the vibe and that laid-back kind of way, as she explains. Working on her first official album she reveals that we can prepare for a more musical output. Most people think the first night of the Soul Beach Music Festival is Wednesday's kick-off mixer. Well, the truth is the Comedy Night on Friday is the real fire starter. This showcase has become the who's who of humor. This year's show featured Deon Cole. Yes Charlie, from the ABC hit comedy show "Black-ish," and Aida

Rodriguez. His memorable show will go down as one of the best ever at SBF. Cole brought a bag of laughter to our One Happy Island on Comedy Night. "Laughter is medicine, nobody wants to be sad," he tells the press.

Before we get started, let remove move the status, up-and-coming. She has officially, "made it." Aida Rodriguez, the Afro-Latina comedian has a straight-forward brand of humor and at the same time, an empowering style to her culture, and especially, to women in general. "I just want to be a great comedian, not particular a great female comedian. But still I need to work twice as hard. As a woman, as a Latin-American I have been always at the bottom of the totem pole. "You are only as good as the company you keep," she says. She has been always around great comedians and states she is only going to rise to the greatness she is surrounded with. "You just gotta brush it off and keep going."

Stay tuned for more Soul Beach Music Festival news in our next edition. □



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The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors on the island

EAGLE BEACH — Recently, Marouska Heyliger of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Goodwill Ambassadors. The Goodwill Ambassador certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 20 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were James and Phyllis Mc Briarty from Virginia and James and Suzanne Stetson from New Hampshire. The lovely visitors stated that they love coming to the island for the friendly people, the beautiful weather and the safety.

Heyliger together with the representatives of the Costa Linda Beach Resort presented the certificates to the honorees, and also handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home away from home. □





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Festive closing meeting Caribbean thinktank

THE HAGUE — The Dutch Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Carola Schouten, was present at the closing ceremony of the Caribbean thinktank that took place in The Hague. The Caribbean Thinktank was funded in order to give her advice. The thinktank consistig of island students are students or professionals from the six islands who work and study in the Netherlands en who feel involved for the development back home. The educational foundation WeConnect brought them together to bond with the policy makers.

Themes

Three young think tankers gave a presentation on behalf of their group on agricultural related topics: the collection and re-use of rainwater, food security, the pursuit of more local production and finally "Sexy Farming" with attention to the image of agriculture and the role of education. Minister schouten was quite impressed with the proposals presented and called on the think tankers to continue. "I challenge you to think further about this in consultation with the local authorities and other partners in this field such as knowledge organizations and offcourse the farmers themselves."

Inter-island cooperation

The plenipotentiary Ministers of Sint Maarten, Curaçao en Aruba delineated an image on what is needed on their island and they emphasized on working together for instance by creating a inter-island food market. "We all have the same taste, so why not grow tomatoes in Curacao, Cucumbers in Aruba or lettuce in Bonaire?", says Guillfred Besaril, plenipontenciary Minister of Aruba. The Plenipotenciary Minister of St. Maarten draw attention to the sharp rise in food prices in the supermarket, which was hit by a hurricane.

Capacity Building

The think tank was led by the Curacao Public Student Management, Gilberto Morishaw, who has been an intern at the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality thru WeConnect. "This was a successfull experiment. A combination of intership and thinktank with a versatile student as Gilberto as midpoint. We are happy to have made the connection between the highly educated Caribbean students in the Netherlands and the Ministry. Next step will be to connect the Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality fields of the islands", says WeConnect manager, tanja Fraai.

Minister Schouten handed out the certificates to all the participants of the thinktank. She also announced that she will pay a working visit to Bonaire, Saba en Sint Eustatius in September. □



SPORTS



In this Feb. 5, 2006, file photo, former Green Bay Packers' Bart Starr carries in the Vince Lombardi Trophy following the Super Bowl XL football game between the Seattle Seahawks and Pittsburgh Steelers, in Detroit. The Steelers won, 21-10.

Associated Press

Bart Starr, QB who led Packers to greatness, dies at 85

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

Bart Starr was an ordinary quarterback until teaming with Vince Lombardi and serving as the catalyst for the powerhouse Green Bay Packers teams that ruled the 1960s and ushered in the NFL as America's most popular sport. The quarterback's graceful throws helped turn a run-heavy league into a passing spectacle, yet it's a run for which he's most famous: the sneak that won the famed "Ice Bowl" in 1967. Starr died Sunday at age 85 in Birmingham, Alabama, the Packers said. He had been in failing health since suffering two strokes and a heart attack in 2014. Starr is the third of Lombardi's dozen Hall of Famers to die in the past eight months. Fullback Jim Taylor died in October and offensive tackle Forrest Gregg died last month.

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SIMON SAYS...



Rossi finishes second to Pagnaud in dramatic Indy 500

Simon Pagnaud, of France, celebrates after winning the Indianapolis 500 IndyCar auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Sunday, May 26, 2019, in Indianapolis.

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Many happy returns for Federer at 1st French Open since 2015

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer entered a refurbished Court Philippe Chatrier for his first French Open match since 2015, greeted by the sun peeking through the clouds and the full-throated support of spectators in their designer sunglasses, straw hats and sweaters tied over their shoulders. Were it permitted, perhaps some ticket-holders would have embraced Federer right then and there, delivering a kiss on each cheek, as if reunited with an old friend at a sidewalk cafe.

Alas, the welcome was limited to wild applause and enthusiastic chants of his first name — “Roh-zher! Roh-zher!” — before and during a 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 victory against Lorenzo Sonego of Italy on Sunday. The match lasted a mere 101 minutes yet Federer found enough time and space to sprinkle in some tremendous shot-making.

“The reception I got today was crazy. Was really nice to see a full stadium for a first round like this,” Federer said, comparing the atmosphere to that of a final.

“I feel,” he said, “that the public missed me. And I missed them, as well.”

His presence at the year’s second Grand Slam tournament was the highlight of Day 1, which included losses by multiple major winners Venus Williams, Angelique Kerber and Svetla-



Switzerland’s Roger Federer plays a shot against Italy’s Lorenzo Sonego during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

na Kuznetsova, along with victories for Sloane Stephens, Garbiñe Muguruza, Marin Cilic and Kei Nishikori. Kerber has been dealing with an injured foot and was beaten 6-4, 6-2 by Anastasia Potapova. That was the opening match in the largely rebuilt main stadium, a structure of concrete and glass that is expected to have a retractable roof by the 2020 French Open and now features padded beige seats instead of plastic green ones.

Across the way, 2016 champion Muguruza inaugurated the new 5,290-seat Court Simonne Mathieu, which is surrounded by greenhouses displaying

tropical plants, with a 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Taylor Townsend of the U.S.

Later in that same spot, the 38-year-old Williams, a seven-time Grand Slam titlist and the 2002 runner-up in Paris, exited in the first round for the fourth time in the past seven years at Roland Garros. She was broken in seven of her nine service games during a 6-3, 6-3 loss to No. 9 seed Elina Svitolina.

The guy certainly appeared delighted to make his return to a tournament he won a decade ago, completing a career Grand Slam, but sat out each of the past three years. In 2016, he was sidelined by a back prob-

lem, ending his then-record streak of 65 consecutive appearances at majors. Federer then skipped the entire clay-court circuit in each of the past two seasons to focus on preparing for grass and hard courts. Not since a quarterfinal loss to Stan Wawrinka four years ago had Federer competed at Roland Garros, which is why he described himself Sunday as “quite tense at the start.”

Didn’t seem that way, though. More like someone who never went away. He led the 73rd-ranked Sonego, who was making his French Open debut, 4-0 after less than 15 minutes, then went up a set and 4-0

in the second after 40.

“There are times when you recognize that he makes the difficult things look easy. It’s incredible,” Sonego said. “All you can do is hope he messes up now and then, because otherwise, it’s really hard.”

Federer gave the folks what they wanted, providing a live-and-in-person highlight reel of his full and considerable repertoire. There was the ace at 121 mph (195 kph) to begin his first service game, and the ace at 110 mph (178 kph) to conclude it. The drop-volley winner on the run. The serve-and-volley putaway. The sprint for an up-the-line winner off a delicate drop shot by Sonego that was so good, and so apparently hard to reach, that an Italian fan gushed, “Bravo! Bravo!” in praise of her countryman before Federer got to the ball.

“In the important moments, he raises his level and turns into a computer,” Sonego said. “He never makes the wrong choice.”

Really, the lone blip for Federer came when he double-faulted to get broken for the only time, eliciting an admonishing slap of racket strings from him — and a collective “Aw-www” of dismay from his thousands of admirers. That was part of a three-game, dozen-minute surge for Sonego, who got within 4-3 in the second set before ceding it. □

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Italy’s Dario Cataldo celebrates as he crosses the the finish line to win the 15th stage of the Giro d’Italia cycling race, from Ivrea to Como, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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Cataldo wins Giro stage as Roglic crashes on borrowed bike

COMO, Italy (AP) — Astana rider Dario Cataldo has won the 15th stage of the Giro d’Italia on a nightmare day for race favorite Primoz Roglic.

The Italian finished the 232-kilometer (144-mile) route from Ivrea to Como in 5 hours, 48 minutes, 15 seconds on Sunday. Mattia Cattaneo was second with the same time, and Simon Yates was 11 seconds behind in third.

Movistar rider Richard Carapaz of Ecuador increased his overall lead from seven

to 47 seconds over Roglic, who had to borrow a teammate’s bike during the race. The Slovenian then crashed near the end, hitting a barrier on a turn during the descent of the Civiglio, and crossed the line with cuts on his face around 50 seconds behind Cataldo.

Another race favorite, Vincenzo Nibali, is third overall, 1:47 behind, after finishing sixth.

Sunday’s stage was mainly flat for the first 160 kilometers but had three catego-

rized climbs in the final part of the stage. Cataldo and Cattaneo had a two-man breakaway.

“I just followed Cattaneo’s attack,” Cataldo said. “Then I was confident in myself. To win a stage at the Giro d’Italia is amazing. It’s something I’ve been dreaming of all my life.”

The end of the stage followed many of the same roads used in the Giro di Lombardia single-day classic. The three-week race ends in Verona on June 2. Monday is a rest day. □

Simon Pagenaud wins Indy 500 on Penske's golden anniversary

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Simon Pagenaud arrived at Indianapolis Motor Speedway this month with his job on the line and rumors swirling around Gasoline Alley that Alexander Rossi could soon replace him at Team Penske.

The Frenchman is leaving with a pair of wins, his face soon to be engraved on the Borg-Warner trophy as the Indianapolis 500 champion and an assurance from Roger Penske himself that he isn't going anywhere. "Do I even have to answer that?" Penske asked. "Absolutely."

In a head-to-head duel for the ages, Pagenaud defeated none other than Rossi with a dramatic pass on the penultimate lap, then holding on the rest of the way to hand Penske his 18th win in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." Even sweeter, it came the 50th anniversary of Penske's arrival at the Brickyard.

Pagenaud and Rossi swapped the lead five times over the final 13 laps, and the margin of victory was a mere 0.2086 seconds — the seventh-closest finish in the 103 years of the race. "It's a dream come true. A lifetime trying to achieve this," said Pagenaud, who dismissed the thought over job security as he celebrated his first Indy 500 win. "The milk motivated me. I was just focused on the job, man."

Pagenaud was dominant all day, leading 116 of the 200 laps, and the win was cathartic. He stopped his car at the start-finish line and hopped out to share the moment with his fans. And once he finally made his way to victory lane, Pagenaud climbed from his car and let out a primal scream, then dumped the entire bottle of milk over his head.

"I never expected to be in this position," Pagenaud said, "and I certainly am grateful."

President Donald Trump phoned Penske in victory

lane from Japan, where he was meeting with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe over trade. Penske passed the phone to Pagenaud, and Trump later tweeted an invite to the White House for the winning team.

Penske, who was there earlier with Joey Logano last month to celebrate last year's NASCAR Cup Series championship, said Trump told him: "I must have been your good-luck charm."

Penske now has two consecutive Indy 500 victories — Will Power won last year — for the first time since 2002-03. It was his third win in the crown jewel race in the past five years and fifth in the past 14.

It was a banner day, too, with Josef Newgarden finishing fourth and Power in fifth. Rossi lost his cool several times in the race, but the Californian had better fuel mileage than Pagenaud and the Penske cars. The 2016 race winner twice charged to the front in the closing laps.

"Horsepower. That's unfortunately the way it is," said Rossi, who was in a Honda for Andretti Autosport. "I think we had the superior car. We just didn't have enough there at the end." Pagenaud was in a Chevrolet, and the bowtie brand was the dominant engine all May. It swept the top four spots in qualifying, won the race and took four of the top six spots.

Pagenaud is the first Frenchman to win the Indy 500 since Rene Thomas in 1914. Indianapolis records count five French winners, but Gil de Ferran in 2003 and Gaston Chevrolet in 1920, while born in France, list other nationalities. Pagenaud was the 21st winner from the pole and first since Helio Castroneves a decade ago.

As he began the traditional victory lap in the back of a convertible, Rossi was one of many drivers to walk onto the track to congratulate him. The American leaned in for a genuine embrace. "Nothing else matters but winning," Rossi

said. "This one will be hard to get over."

Rossi, who drove from the back to finish fourth a year ago, had been patient through the first half of the race and set himself up to take control after the half-way point. But a troublesome fuel hose on a pit stop caused a lengthy delay, and Rossi was angrily pounding his steering wheel while imploring the Andretti crew to get him back on track.

He really lost his cool when he couldn't get past the lapped car of Oriol Servia. As Rossi finally raced by, he angrily raised his fist at the Spaniard. A late wreck then caused an 18-minute stoppage with Rossi set to



Simon Pagenaud, of France, celebrates by pouring milk on himself after winning the Indianapolis 500 IndyCar auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Sunday, May 26, 2019, in Indianapolis.

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restart the final sprint as the leader, and he conveyed his mood over his team radio.

"A bunch of hungry, angry cars behind me," Rossi said. "Little do they know I'm angrier."

Pagenaud got him on the restart, though, and the

two went back and forth four more times before Pagenaud locked down the win. Former champion Takuma Sato finished third as he and Rossi gave Honda two spots on the podium. Santino Ferrucci in seventh was the highest finishing rookie. □

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Kevin Na cruises to 4-shot Colonial win with final-round 66

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) —

Kevin Na always believed he could win at Colonial, so he paused to visualize his name on the wall of champions at the first tee before making another run at it. The South Korean-born American will get to read his name on that wall next year.

Na birdied four of the first eight holes and shot a 4-under 66 for a four-shot victory over Tony Finau on Sunday on the cozy course made famous by Ben Hogan, securing his third career PGA Tour win and second in 10 months.

"On the first tee, I saw that wall, looked at the names, right below Justin Rose," Na said, referring to the defending champion. "And in



Kevin Na pumps his fist after winning in the final round of the Charles Schwab Challenge golf tournament Sunday, May 26, 2019, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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my head, I engraved my name on it. I was just trying to visualize success before I teed off." Na opened with a two-shot lead and was in front by at least that many for the final 16 holes after putting his second shot inside 5 feet for birdie at the par-4 second. Na finished 13 under after a bow-tying birdie at 18.

The win came after Na put himself in contention with a second-round 62, one off the Colonial record. That low round was a year after tying that course-record 61 in the final round to finish fourth. Na, who has made 10 cuts in 11 Colonial appearances since withdrawing in the first round of his debut in 2004, had three scores of 62 or better in a span of six rounds. Then he added a pair of solid scores that were more than enough to keep anybody from getting close.

"They say this is a golf course that I've had the most leads in a tournament," said Na, who pulled away despite opening with a pedestrian par 70 in difficult conditions. "So it tells you how much I like this place and how well I've played here."

Local favorite Jordan Spieth's strong putting disappeared in a 2-over 72 as the Dallas native finished eight shots back to remain without a victory since his third major title at the 2017 British Open. Jim Furyk's hopes faded when the 2003 U.S. Open champion went in the water for double bogey at the par-3 13th on the way to a 73. The 17-time tour winner's last title was at Hilton Head in 2015. Finau briefly was within a shot of Na early in the round, and the first-round leader was two back when Na birdied 14 about the same time Finau had a bogey at 16 to push the lead to four. Finau, looking for his second career win three years after his first, closed with a 68.

"He wasn't letting up, so I knew I was going to have to make three or four birdies coming in," Finau said. "I gave myself the looks to do it. Just wasn't able to make it happen." □

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Broadhurst opens 2-shot lead at Senior PGA Championship

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

PITTSFORD, N.Y. (AP) —

Whatever unease Paul Broadhurst felt following a near 2-1/2 hour weather delay quickly evaporated once he hit his first tee shot into the middle of the narrow fairway on the fifth hole at Oak Hill Country Club.

The defending champion felt even better to come out of a second weather delay and par the final three holes for a bogey-free round and a two-shot lead in the Senior PGA Championship.

"I guess determination," the 53-year-old Englishman said in describing what it took to shoot a 3-under 67 and move to 6-under 204 entering the final day of the major tournament.

It took some patience, as well, for Broadhurst to navigate a narrow course with tiny greens and amid ever-changing weather conditions to extend his bogey-free streak to 38 consecutive holes. He's in position to become the tournament's first back-to-back winner



Paul Broadhurst waves to the crowd after his birdie on the sixth hole during the third round of the Senior PGA Championship golf tournament, Saturday, May 25, 2019, in Pittsford, N.Y.

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since Colin Montgomerie in 2014-15, and eighth in the event's 80-year history. As Broadhurst noted, Oak Hill presents a far different challenge to the longer, but more wide-open Harbor Shores course in southwest Michigan, where he shot a 19-under 265 to win

last year's tournament. "The emphasis here is on accuracy, no question," Broadhurst said, before assessing how much more complete his game has become since taking three years off from professional golf before joining the senior tour in 2016.

"I think it just shows I'm a lot more consistent than I used to be."

The five-time PGA Tour Champions winner entered the day as the co-leader with Esteban Toledo, who tumbled into seventh at 1 over after a 74.

Broadhurst's first two birdies

came immediately before and after the first delay, which began just after 10 a.m.

He birdied the 570-yard par-5 fourth hole before the horns blew to halt play. Broadhurst returned to birdie the par-3 sixth. 6. He also had a birdie 3 on No. 10.

The second delay began just after 3 p.m. and lasted just 40 minutes, extending the length of the round to nearly 10 hours.

Two-time U.S. Open-winner Retief Goosen was second at 4 under after a 67. Ken Tanigawa was third at 3 under following a 66. Tour money leader Scott McCarron shot a 67 to get to 2 under.

"It's been a while since I've been in this sort of position when the butterflies are flying a little," said the South African who won seven times on the PGA Tour and 14 times on the European Tour. "In a way it's great to get all the juices going. And it's almost like you got to try and back off a little bit and not hit the ball too hard. It's a good feeling." □

Beckham scores as United faces Bayern 20 years after CL win

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England

(AP) — Ole Gunnar Solskjaer wound back the years as the Manchester United manager came off the bench to score for Alex Ferguson's side against a Bayern Munich team in the "Treble Reunion" match — 20 years to the day after United won the 1999 Champions League final.

Fans young and old descended on Old Trafford on Sunday to see some of the club's greatest players — including David Beckham — as Manchester United Legends beat Bayern Munich Legends 5-0.



Manchester United Legend's David Beckham celebrates scoring his side's fifth goal of the game during the legends match between Manchester United Legends and Bayern Munich Legends at Old Trafford, Manchester, England, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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Solskjaer again started on the bench but made an impact far quicker than that night at the Nou Camp in Barcelona, where his goal deep in stoppage time sealed a 2-1 victory over Bayern and the treble for United on May 26, 1999. United also won the FA Cup and the Premier League that season. This time Solskjaer came on for Andy Cole shortly after kickoff and produced a smart finish inside four minutes to put United Legends on course for a comprehensive win. Dwight Yorke gave the hosts a two-goal cushion at the break, before man-

of-the-match Nicky Butt, substitute Louis Saha and returning favorite Beckham completed a rout in front of 61,175 fans at Old Trafford, raising 1.5 million pounds (\$1.9 million) for the Manchester United Foundation. With the teams led out by Ferguson, supporters were treated to the familiar sight of Beckham firing cross-field balls, Jaap Stam showing no mercy at the back and Paul Scholes bossing the midfield. After a difficult season — with United finishing sixth in the Premier League — Sunday's match brought a feel-good factor back to Old Trafford. □

Matchups for the NBA Finals between the Warriors and Raptors

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

The position matchup breakdown for the 2019 NBA Finals between the Golden State Warriors and Toronto Raptors:

STARTING GUARDS

Golden State: Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.
Toronto: Kyle Lowry and Danny Green.

Analysis: All respect to Lowry, whose toughness and leadership are both comically overlooked because people tend to see only scoring, but this matchup clearly tilts Golden State's way. Curry and Thompson have averaged 42.5 points combined in their first 22 finals games together and even on their bad days are two of the most feared shooters in the game. Toronto simply needs more from Green, who is shooting only 32 percent in the playoffs and 31 percent from 3-point range. Toronto won the last four games of the Eastern Conference finals even while Green went a staggering 1 for 15 from 3-point range. But he's had enormous moments in the finals before, and is a 52 percent shooter from 3-point land in 12 previous finals games.

Edge: Warriors.

STARTING FORWARDS

Golden State: Kevin Durant/Andre Iguodala and Draymond Green.

Toronto: Kawhi Leonard and Pascal Siakam.

Analysis: Durant isn't expected to be available for Game 1 because of his



Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson hugs forward Jonas Jerebko at the end of Game 4 of the NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference finals against the Portland Trail Blazers Monday, May 20, 2019, in Portland, Ore.

calf strain, and it remains unclear if he'll play at any point in the finals. Iguodala is a past Finals MVP and Green may be playing the best basketball of his life right now, with keeping his emotions in check yet another bonus for the Warriors. Siakam has had great moments in these playoffs and is likely the most improved player in the NBA this season. But this matchup comes down to Leonard, who has willed the Raptors through every tough moment they've faced in the postseason and has put himself in the best-player-in-the-world-

right-now conversation. The Leonard vs. Green (or Iguodala) matchup when the Raptors have the ball will be fascinating.

Edge: Even, based on the plan that Durant is missing some of the series.

STARTING CENTER

Golden State: Jordan Bell (presumably).

Toronto: Marc Gasol.

Analysis: Gasol has waited a long time for this first taste of the finals, and Bell — if he does actually start, which is in some doubt — has 35 points in 11 games this postseason. And don't be surprised if DeMarcus Cousins, who has never played

in a finals game and missed most of these playoffs with a quad injury, is back on the floor early in the series for the Warriors and back as a starter not long after that. So far in the playoffs, Gasol has made more 3s (28) than 2s (27) and 55% of his points have come from beyond the 3-point line. Edge: Raptors, largely because of the uncertainty surrounding Cousins' availability.

BENCH

Golden State: Kevon Looney, Shaun Livingston, Quinn Cook, Andrew Bogut.

Toronto: Fred VanVleet,

Norman Powell, Serge Ibaka. Analysis: The Warriors' bench rotation will change if Cousins and/or Durant return. Golden State has averaged 24.6 points off the bench in the playoffs, which doesn't look so hot, but a deeper dive shows how effective certain things have been for the Warriors. Looney has been fantastic, shooting 72% (50 for 69) in 329 minutes off the bench, and Livingston is looking for his fourth ring as a key reserve. Ibaka, assuming he doesn't start at center, will get big minutes for Toronto and plays the two-man game with Leonard like they've been together for seven years instead of seven months. And VanVleet came up big time and time again toward the end of the East finals, his emotions bolstered by the birth of his son midway through that matchup.

Edge: Raptors, slightly.

COACHING

Golden State: Steve Kerr.

Toronto: Nick Nurse.

Analysis: Kerr won five rings as a player, has three already as a coach and somehow seems to always push the right buttons. Nurse has dealt incredibly well with the pressure that accompanied being a first-year coach who just happened to be replacing the reigning NBA coach of the year in Dwane Casey and had to lead a win-now-or-else team that went all in on moves to get players like Leonard and Gasol.

Edge: Warriors. □

Cubs slugger Kris Bryant exits game after outfield collision

By **JAY COHEN**
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Cubs slugger Kris Bryant left Sunday's game against Cincinnati after colliding with center fielder Jason Heyward in the sixth inning.

Speaking right after Chicago's 10-2 loss, manager Joe Maddon said he hadn't watched the replay but was told Bryant was hit in the head/neck area. "He's doing OK. He's still under evaluation," Maddon said. "We don't know exactly



Chicago Cubs center fielder Jason Heyward, left, and right fielder Kris Bryant (17) collide while chasing a ball hit by Cincinnati Reds'c Eugenio Suarez (7) during the sixth inning of a baseball game Sunday, May 26, 2019, in Chicago.

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what we're doing with this whole thing yet. But we're trying to talk with the docs and find out exactly where we're at." Bryant was cleared to travel with the team to Houston for the start of its six-game road trip. He walked through the Cubs' clubhouse after the loss to the Reds, but the media wasn't allowed to speak with him because he was still being evaluated. With two outs and Nick Senzel on first, Heyward and Bryant converged on

Eugenio Suárez's fly ball toward the gap in right-center. It looked as if Heyward and Bryant both called for it before running into each other, and the ball went off Heyward's glove. Bryant, a natural third baseman who occasionally plays the outfield, stayed down as Senzel scored and Suárez hustled into third. Maddon and a trainer ran out to take a look, and the 2016 NL MVP gingerly walked off the field after a short conversation. □



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Bart Starr, QB who led Packers to greatness, dies at 85

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"A champion on and off the field, Bart epitomized class and was beloved by generations of Packers fans," Packers President Mark Murphy said in a statement. "A clutch player who led his team to five NFL titles, Bart could still fill Lambeau Field with electricity decades later during his many visits."

The Packers selected Starr out of the University of Alabama with the 200th pick in the 1956 draft. He led Green Bay to six division titles, five NFL championships and wins in the first two Super Bowls.

Until Brett Favre came along, Starr was known as the best Packer ever. The team retired his No. 15 jersey in 1973, making him just the third player to receive that honor. Four years later, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

After losing the 1960 NFL title game in his first playoff appearance, the Packers never lost another playoff game under Starr, going 9-0, including wins over the Kansas City Chiefs and Oakland Raiders in the first two Super Bowls.

Starr's college career wasn't very noteworthy and it wasn't until Lombardi's arrival in Green Bay in 1959 that Starr, living by his motto "desire and dedication are everything," began to blossom.

Lombardi liked Starr's mechanics, his arm strength and especially his decision-making abilities. Under Lombardi's nurturing, Starr became one of the league's top quarterbacks. "If you work harder than somebody else, chances are you'll beat him though he has more talent than you," Starr once said. He



In this Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015, file photo, Brett Favre, right, smiles at Bart Starr during a ceremony at halftime of an NFL football game between the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears in Green Bay, Wis. In this Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015, file photo, Brett Favre, right, smiles at Bart Starr during a ceremony at halftime of an NFL football game between the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears in Green Bay, Wis.

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credited Lombardi for showing him "that by working hard and using my mind, I could overcome my weakness to the point where I could be one of the best."

The gentlemanly quarterback's status as a Packers icon was tested by his struggles as the team's head coach. In nine seasons from 1975-83, he won just 41 percent of his games, going 53-77-3, including 1-1 in the playoffs, part of three decades of futility that followed the glory years.

After football, Starr, became a successful businessman in Birmingham, Alabama, not far from his hometown of Montgomery, where he was born on Jan. 9, 1934.

Starr was a four-time Pro Bowl selection and two-time All-Pro. He won NFL titles in 1961, '62, '65, '67 and '68. He was the 1966 NFL MVP and was named to the 1960s All-Decade team. He also was named MVP of the first two Super Bowls.

"Bart was a true gentleman, a great player and a great pioneer for the NFL," fellow Hall of Famer John Elway tweeted. "He set a tremendous example for all QBs to emulate."

When Starr retired following the 1971 season, his career completion rate of 57.4 percent was tops in the run-heavy NFL, and his passer rating of 80.5 was second-best ever, behind only Otto Graham.

But the play he was most famous for was a run.

In the NFL championship on Dec. 31, 1967, Starr knifed into the end zone behind guard Jerry Kramer and center Ken Bowman with 16 seconds left to lift the Packers over the Dallas Cowboys 21-17 in what became known as the "Ice Bowl."

The Packers had spent \$80,000 for a heating coil system that was to have kept the field soft and warm, and forecasters said not to worry because the approaching cold front wouldn't arrive until after

the game. "It was 20 degrees the day before," the late Tom Landry once recalled. "It was great. Vince and I were together that night and we talked about how good the conditions were and what a great game it would be."

They were half-right. When the grounds crew rolled up the tarpaulin, a layer of condensation had formed underneath and, with 40 mph wind, the field promptly froze like an ice rink. Packers running back Chuck Mercein would later compare the ground to "jagged concrete."

With a temperature of minus-14 and a wind chill of minus-49, it was the coldest NFL game ever recorded. The wind chill had dipped another 20 degrees by the time the Packers got the ball at their 32 trailing 17-14 with five minutes left.

With one last chance for an aging dynasty to win a fifth NFL title in seven seasons, Starr took the field as linebacker Ray Nitschke hollered, "Don't let me down!" Starr wouldn't, completing all five of his passes and directing one of the most memorable drives in NFL history.

"We all have a capacity to focus and to concentrate to a unique degree when we're called upon to do it," Starr said on the 30th anniversary of that game. "That's exactly what I did that day. And I think the same was true of the Cowboys. Let's face it, they obviously were not accustomed to something like that and yet they were the team which had surged and come back in the second half and were in a position to win it."

With 1:11 remaining, tackle Bob Skoronski opened a hole and Mercein charged through the middle for 8

yards to the Dallas 3.

Halfback Donny Anderson slipped twice on handoffs, so Starr called timeout, went to the sideline and suggested a sneak because of the poor traction. "Then run it and let's get the hell out of here," Lombardi barked.

The play worked perfectly, a flawless finish to that coldest of games so frozen in time.

"I've never been in a huddle where there was greater composure and where there was a higher level of intensity and concentration," Mercein once told The Associated Press.

Mercein is the one in the famous photograph of the play diving into the end zone behind Starr with his hands held high, as though he's signaling "Touch-down!"

"But what I'm actually doing is I'm showing the officials that I'm not assisting or aiding Bart into the end zone," Mercein said.

That would have been a penalty and it would have negated history's most famous quarterback sneak. Mercein and the rest of his teammates thought he was going to get the handoff on the play. Nobody knew but Starr and Lombardi that it was to be a quarterback sneak.

So, Mercein dug in, thinking he was getting the ball, and he got a great takeoff on the frozen field.

"As a matter of fact too good because after a couple of steps I realized I wasn't going to get the ball. But I couldn't really pull up because it was so icy," Mercein said. "So that's why I dive over the play and I have my arms upraised, which appears to everyone in that famous picture that I'm signaling touchdown." □

Virtual reality helps police in dealing with autistic people

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An autistic man walks out of a store without paying for a toy he picked up. He's followed by a storekeeper demanding he come back inside. The situation quickly escalates, and police are called.

Officers arrive, their patrol car's lights flashing and sirens blaring, to find the man in the parking lot, yelling and not responding to their commands. They have a choice: confront the man and risk having the situation turn violent or regroup to figure out a different approach.

The scenario is part of a virtual reality simulation for police that's being developed by Axon — the company known best for developing the Taser — so officers can learn how to interact with people who have autism and de-escalate situations that could quickly turn awry. The developmental disorder that can involve varying degrees of language and social impairments, often including repetitive behaviors. In 2018, the U.S. government estimated about 1 in 40 kids is diagnosed with autism.

This week, the company announced a partnership with Chicago police to train officers by using virtual reality headsets. It will be making the program, developed with the help of mental health and autism experts, available to police departments across the U.S.

For now, they offer two training modules: one for autism and another for



Axon Immersion Training Virtual Reality (VR) headset, used in training police officers to learn the best way to interact with people who suffer with autism, Thursday, May 23, 2019 in Washington.

Associated Press

dealing with people who have schizophrenia. "The ability to tell the difference between someone who's acting in an unusual way that may be due to their autism versus someone who could be a risk to you can be a really fine line," said David Kearon of the advocacy group Autism Speaks. "When you're trying to make that judgment very quickly, that's where we see mistakes made."

The officers don headsets similar to those used for video games and are immediately immersed in a virtual reality training ground. With a small remote, they can pick the scenario and go through each training scenario in just about five minutes.

In the autism scenario, officers experience it first from the point-of-view of the autistic person, watch-

ing as the storekeeper approaches somewhat angrily and pulls the toy robot away, telling the man he needs to pay for it. Police are called and officers arrive and confront him. They can then play it from the perspective of the police officers, observing tell-tale signs that someone could be autistic. A crackling call on the radio reports an aggressive male suspect shoplifting and fighting with an employee. The officers pull up to find the man in the parking lot, holding the toy and flailing his arms. They introduce themselves and ask the man what's happening. He doesn't respond.

"We need you to calm down!" an officer tells the man, who is hitting himself in the head and speaking incoherently.

The officers can then

choose to either talk to their partner or close in and confront the man.

The officers are taught that flashing lights and sirens can be overstimulating and just turning them off could ease the situation. They are also encouraged to remain calm, avoid physically confronting the person and to engage specially trained officers from a mental health crisis team, if their department has one. The training can also create "a sense of empathy" and emphasizes that other methods like shouting or grabbing a suspect, "can hyper-escalate someone who is autistic," Rick Smith, Axon's founder and CEO, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Rather than just training police how to use a Taser, maybe we should train them how to avoid using

it," he said. Police departments large and small have had difficulties responding to calls involving autistic people. In Graham, Texas, about 120 miles (195 kilometers) west of Dallas, a 19-year-old man was throwing rocks at his neighbor's fence. The autistic teenager, Michael Moore, had difficulty communicating with the responding police officers, so they guessed he might have been drunk or high. They tried to give him a field sobriety test and when he failed the test, they moved in to arrest him. A struggle ensued. Body camera video shows the teen, whose mother says he has a "high functioning" form of autism, being shot with a Taser and thrown to the ground.

"When the officers approached him, he tried to maintain contact," his mother, Tracie Brown, said. "It's very hard for people with autism."

"His hands were visible at all times and he kept saying over and over, 'My mama is inside. Let me go get my mom' and for whatever reason the police officers refused to come and verify," she said.

Brent Bullock, Graham's interim chief, said all of his 25 officers underwent autism training after the incident and were given field guides to identify whether someone may have autism or be suffering from a mental health crisis.

"I believe it was a positive thing," he said. Since then, his officers have encountered similar situations and managed to de-escalate them, Bullock said. □



In this May 23, 2019 file photo, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., meets with reporters at the Capitol in Washington.

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Rep. Hurd says US isn't prepared to combat altered videos

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican congressman and former CIA officer says America isn't prepared for disinformation campaigns that use altered video to spread false information across social media. Texas Rep. Will Hurd's comments come days after an altered video giving the false impression that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was slurring her words spread widely online.

Associated Press journalists did a side-

by-side comparison of the false video to C-SPAN footage of Pelosi's speech at a conference in Washington and concluded the altered video had been slowed down. Hurd also raised concerns on CBS's "Face the Nation" about "deepfake" videos that use artificial intelligence to create realistic-looking videos of real people saying things they've never said. He says government leaders don't fully understand how the technology could be used in the future. □

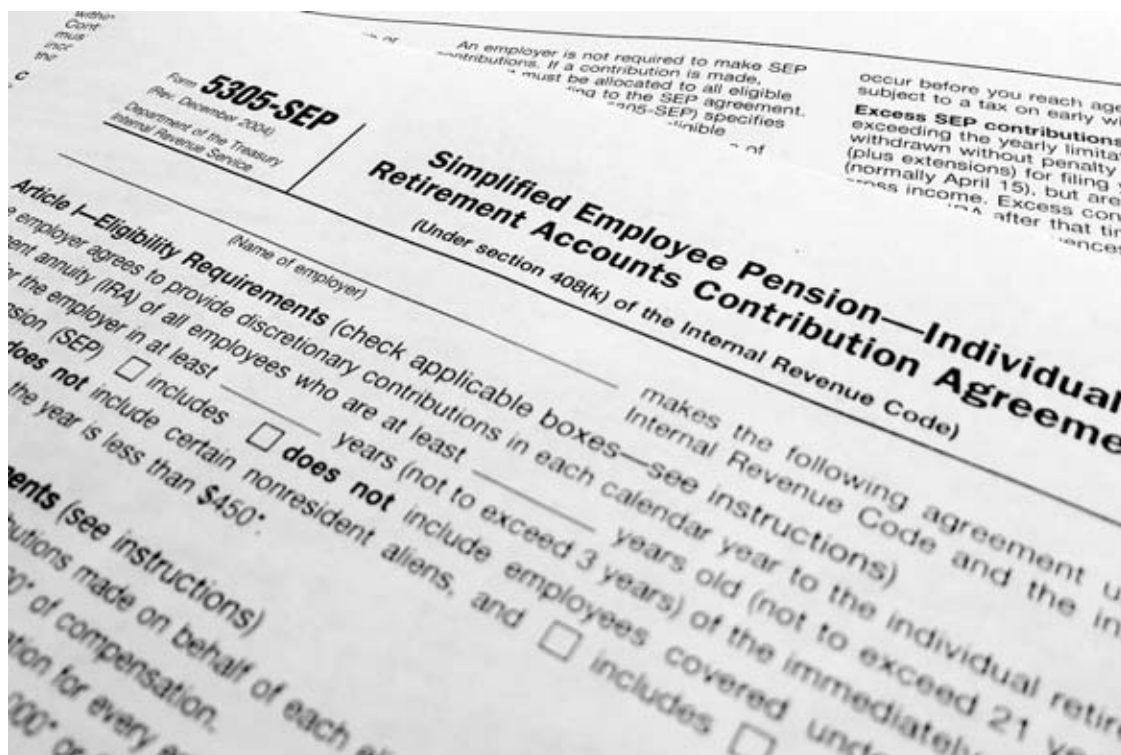
AP Explains: How retirement legislation impacts you

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL
Associated Press

Americans generally do not have enough saved for retirement and Congress is considering a number of measures to address that. There are a few retirement-related bills of note making their way through Congress. One in particular, the Secure Act, gained significant traction this week. The House voted to approve it Thursday and it is widely expected to move forward in the Senate. Some experts are saying it is one of the most important potential changes to retirement rules seen in years.

WHAT IS IT?

The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act, known as Secure Act, is designed to help more people save more for retirement. Its highlights include a provision to make it easier for small businesses to band together to offer retirement plans to employees. It also opens the door for long-term part-time employees to gain access to workplace retirement plans. It would raise the age that Americans must start drawing from retirement savings, known as the required mini-



In this Monday, April 2, 2018, file photo, an IRS Form 5305, Simplified Employee Pension — Individual Retirement Accounts Contribution Agreement is shown in New York.

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mum distribution age, from 70½ to 72, as people are living and working longer. It also provides more years for people to contribute to individual retirement accounts, for the same reason.

Additionally, it creates new rules that could expand lifetime-income options within workplace plans, such as annuities, to help people establish reliable stream of income in retirement. It would also make

it easier for employees to transfer retirement plan assets when they change jobs.

There are other notable components, such as allowing employees to withdraw savings penalty free for the birth or adoption of a child. And it would fix a component of the 2017 tax overhaul that raised taxes on benefits received by family members of deceased military veterans, as well as taxes on some

students and members of Native American tribes.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Americans are facing a major retirement savings crisis.

Almost half of U.S. households led by someone 55 or older had not set aside savings for retirement, according to a report released in March by the Government Accountability Office. About 20% of households did have access to a pen-

sion or other defined benefit plan. But 29% of older Americans had neither a pension nor assets in another retirement account.

It's a complex problem, driven in part by a shift away from traditional pensions toward a do-it-yourself savings system.

Research has shown one of the most effective ways to get people to save is through access to a workplace retirement plan. But millions of Americans do not have access to such plans, particularly at small businesses where the cost and complexity hinders some companies from establishing one.

So this legislation is important because it removes some of those barriers, said Phil Waldeck, president of Prudential Retirement. The legislation would eliminate other hurdles that keep other people from saving in other settings.

It's not a cure all but experts say it's a step in the right direction.

Rhian Horgan, founder and CEO of Kindur, a startup that aims to help people navigate retirement, said she thinks it is "the most meaningful piece of retirement-focused legislation we've seen in decades." □

Where US home affordability is the worst

By JOSH BOAK and LARRY FENN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Living by the beach is becoming even more cost prohibitive. While many Americans know about the sky-high costs of housing in New York City or Seattle, affordability is increasingly the worst in areas where the wealthy vacation and a large share of local workers cater to their needs. The trend taps into the worsening economic inequality that is reshaping American society.

Roughly 78% of U.S. metro areas have seen home prices rise faster than wages, according to an Associated Press analysis of home values tracked by CoreLogic and govern-



In this March 6, 2018, file photo, people walk along a path in front of a row of homes in San Jose, Calif.

Associated Press

ment income data. Of the top 10 communities with the biggest gaps between home values and incomes, half were seaside. But there were also places with a growing concentration of highly-paid tech jobs.

"In places that see a wid-

ening gap, buying a house and achieving the American Dream is going to be increasingly difficult," said Ralph McLaughlin, deputy chief economist at CoreLogic. "But if you can get your foot in the door, the benefits may last for a life-

time." The widest chasm in home prices relative to incomes was in Honolulu, followed by Los Angeles and the Hawaii city of Kahului. Other metros in the top 10 of largest gaps in affordability include Key West, Florida and Ocean City, New Jersey, both tourist destinations. Just outside the top 10 are San Diego, Santa Cruz and part of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Consider Ocean City. This southern stretch of the Jersey shore includes the Victorian cottages of Cape May, the sweeping mansions of Avalon and wood-planked boardwalk of Ocean City, which became a family-oriented resort destination after banning the sale of alcohol. Home prices have climbed

158% since 2000, while wages have increased just 45%. □



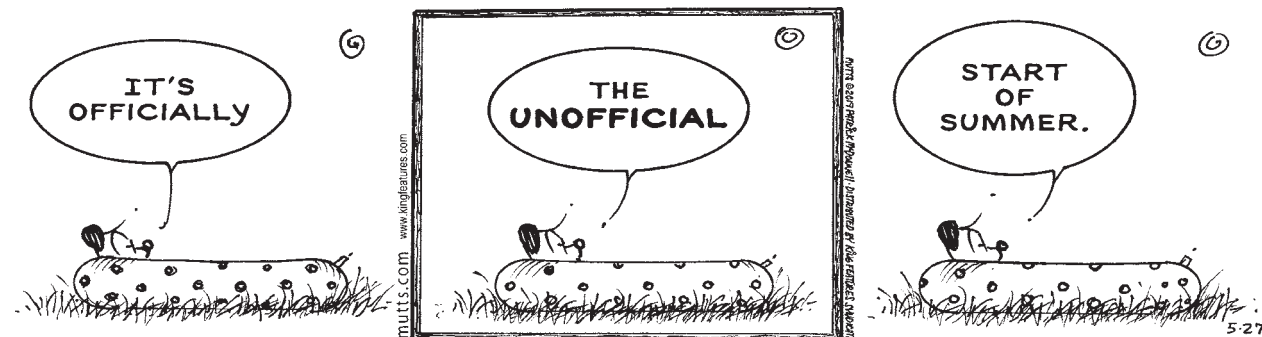
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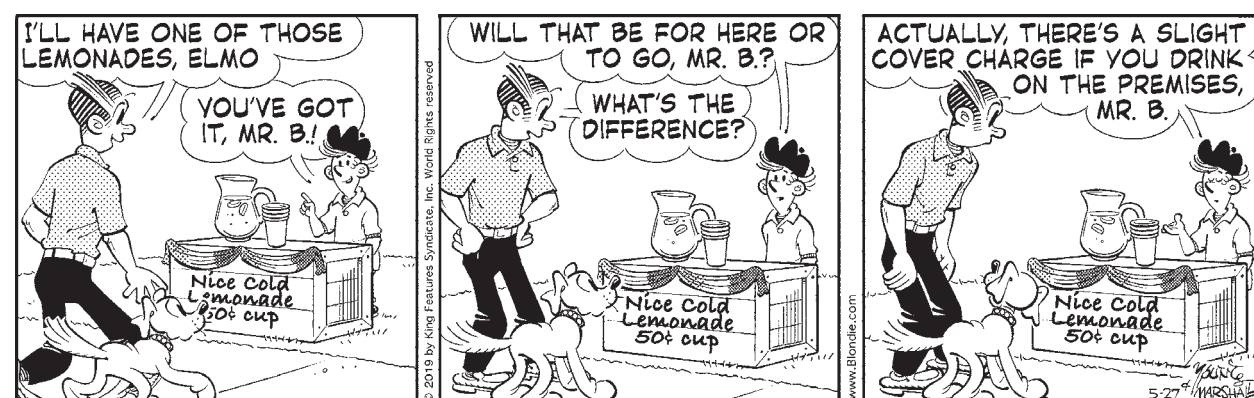
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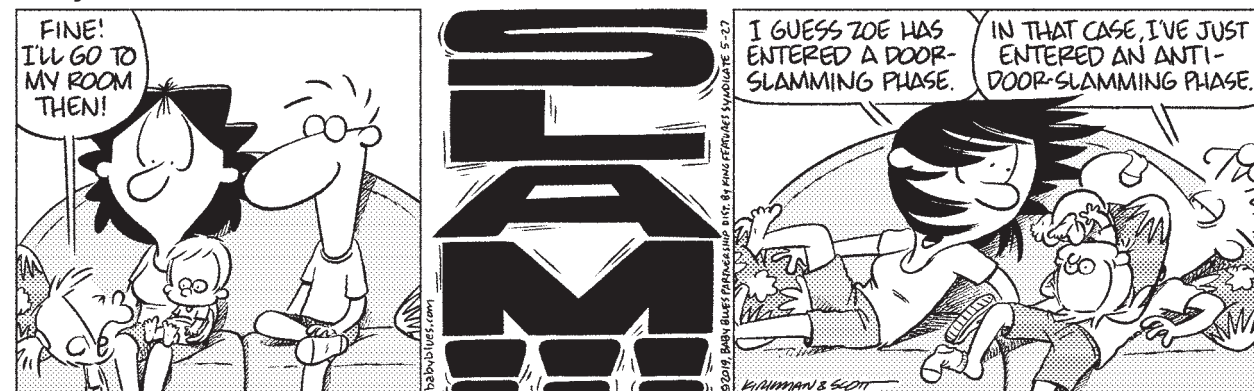
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

4	3	1	6	9	7	2	8	5
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3	9	6	7	4	8	5	1	2

ACROSS

- 1 Tiny cut
- 5 Exhibitions
- 10 Nursery bed
- 14 Actress Anderson
- 15 Folklore fairy
- 16 Luau dance
- 17 ___ more; again
- 18 At the end of the day
- 20 Wine and dine
- 21 Has-___; one no longer popular
- 22 Squeeze
- 23 Housekeepers
- 25 Record speed letters
- 26 Give a job to
- 28 Company
- 31 Seabirds
- 32 Less common
- 34 FedEx rival
- 36 Zane or Lady Jane
- 37 Lukewarm
- 38 Stumble
- 39 Took a load off
- 40 Mass of bees
- 41 Eatery
- 42 Deadly
- 44 Illness
- 45 "Fuzzy Wuzzy" a bear...
- 46 Equestrian
- 47 Undress
- 50 Franklin & Stiller
- 51 Yoko ___
- 54 Introducing
- 57 Puerto Rico's capital San ___
- 58 Em or Bee
- 59 Wild
- 60 Poker term
- 61 Brooklyn team
- 62 Serving implement
- 63 "Beware the ___ of March!"



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- 4 Bakery purchase
- 5 Fast
- 6 Red, itchy skin bumps
- 7 Plow pullers
- 8 Finish first
- 9 "Ready, ___, go!"
- 10 Bracelet dangles
- 11 Regulation
- 12 Misfortunes
- 13 Small sea inlets
- 19 Stimulant
- 21 Brief life sketches
- 24 Actress Sheedy
- 25 Regretted
- 26 Breakfast order
- 27 Wall painting
- 28 Unsmiling
- 29 Do a 180
- 30 ___ on; watched from hiding
- 32 Authentic
- 33 Last month: abbr.
- 35 Lively

DOWN

- 1 Difficult to teach
- 2 Advice to Nanette
- 3 Unfinished

- 37 It was, in poetry
- 38 Scrabble piece
- 40 Mold; form
- 41 Men with kids
- 43 Distorts
- 44 Socialize at a party
- 46 Of the kidneys
- 47 Bridge
- 48 ___-blue; loyal
- 49 Torn in two
- 50 Owl or osprey
- 52 Man's nickname
- 53 Small bills
- 55 Org. for Chiefs & Redskins
- 56 Actress Leoni
- 57 ___ alai

Colombian breeds rare frogs to undermine animal traffickers

By MANUEL RUEDA
CESAR GARCIA
Associated Press
CUNDINAMARCA, Colombia (AP) — In a small farmhouse surrounded by cloud forest, Iván Lozano inspects dozens of glass containers that hold some of the world's most coveted frogs.

The conservationist has been fighting the illegal trade in rare tropical frogs for years, risking his life and his checkbook to save the brightly colored, poisonous amphibians whose population in the wild is dwindling.

But Lozano doesn't hunt down poachers and smugglers. He's trying to undermine them by breeding exotic frogs legally and selling them at lower prices than specimens plucked by traffickers from Colombia's jungles. His frog-breeding center Tesoros de Colombia, which translates to Treasures of Colombia, is among a handful of conservation programs around the world that are trying to curtail the trafficking of wild animals by providing enthusiasts with a more eco-friendly alternative: specimens bred in captivity. "We can't control the fact that in some countries it is legal to own these animals," Lozano said. "But we want to make sure that collectors buy animals that are raised in captivity and are legally exported."

Lozano's efforts to replace illegally captured poison dart frogs have made him well known among collectors in the United States, who are increasingly seeking legally traded specimens.

"Before there was no way you could get a histrionica legally," said Julio Rodríguez, an experienced New York City collector, referring to the Harlequin Poison Frog by its scientific name. "If you saw one in a collection, it most likely came from the black market."

Rodríguez said that since Tesoros de Colombia began exporting frogs to the United States six years ago prices for some coveted



Oophaga histrionica red head frogs stand inside the glass container where they are bred at the "Tesoros de Colombia" frog breeding center in Cundinamarca, Colombia, Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

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species have dropped significantly. The price tag on the Harlequin Frog dropped by 50 percent, he said. The Golden Dart Frog, another much-sought species, went from around \$150 a few years ago to \$30.

"We want prices to go down so much that it's no longer profitable for traffickers to sell these frogs," Lozano explained.

He said his company also helps collectors breed their own frogs, so they can flood the market with legally raised specimens, taking pressure off those living in the wild. The frogs raised in captivity by Lozano are no longer poisonous, because they have a different diet than wild specimens. But collectors still seek them for their brilliant color patterns.

"We make ourselves sustainable by moving on to new species," said Lozano, who already has permits to export seven species, including the Red Lehmanni, a frog so rare collectors refer to it as "the Holy Grail." Lozano is currently seeking permission from Colombia's government to export another 13 species that are under pressure from animal traffickers. Indonesia allows the export of 3 million captive-bred Tokay Geckos to global pet markets each year. But weak regulation has given corrupt companies the opportunity to sell off wild Geckos as Geckos bred in captivity, said Chris Shepherd a conservationist who worked in South East Asia for two decades with TRAFFIC, an environmental group. □



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Lake Tahoe's famed water gets clearer after all-time low

By SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The clarity of Lake Tahoe's cobalt blue water improved last year from its worst level in a half-century after weather and runoff returned to more normal conditions at the alpine lake straddling the California-Nevada line. A dinner plate-sized disc used to measure clarity was visible at an average depth of 70.9 feet (21.6 meters) in 2018, scientists at the University of California, Davis, Tahoe Environmental Research Center said Thursday.

That's an improvement of 10.5 feet (3.2 meters) from 2017 when a winter with unusually heavy snow followed years of drought, sending sediment into the scenic lake known for its pine tree-lined beaches and ski resorts. The research center typically releases its annual clarity findings in the spring after analyzing the data it gathers each month in the previous year. Scientists hope efforts to combat threats to clarity posed by development and climate change will eventually return Lake Tahoe to its historical clear depth of 100 feet (30.5 meters).

Dozens of public and private partners have been working to reduce stormwater pollution from roads and urban areas and restore streams and floodplains to reduce the amount of fine particles and nutrients that can cloud the lake, research center director Geoffrey Schladow said.

Clarity can swing widely day to day and year to year due to weather conditions and the flow from streams that can accelerate or slow algae growth



This April 12, 2012, file photo, shows the clarity of Lake Tahoe, Nev. The clarity of Lake Tahoe's cobalt blue water improved last year from its worst level in a half-century as weather and runoff returned to more normal conditions.

and erosion that sends sediment particles into the water, he said.

"In 2018, Lake Tahoe's clarity regained the expected seasonal patterns that were disrupted by the extreme conditions of the previous year," Schladow said.

Scientists took 26 individual depth readings in 2018, including one in March that exceeded 100 feet (30.5 meters) of clarity. The worst readings typically are in the summer, and the best are in fall and winter.

A reading of 59.7 feet (18 meters) in 2017 was the worst in the 51 years Tahoe's clarity has officially been recorded. The second worst was 64.1 feet (20 meters) in 1997.

"We are thrilled to see Lake Tahoe's clarity improving from the all-time low of just 60 feet in 2017," said Darcie Goodman Collins, CEO of the League to Save Lake Tahoe. "These results encourage us to continue re-

storing critical habitat and improving our urban areas to keep pollution from entering our lake."

The new clarity measure-

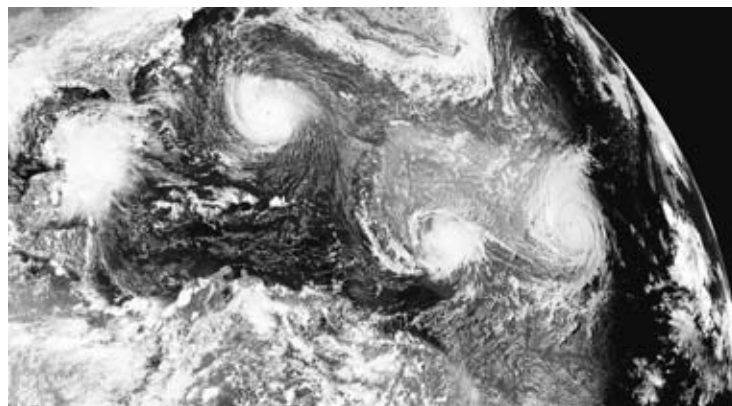
ment is in line with the five-year average of 70.3 feet (21.4 meters) — an improvement of nearly a foot (30 centimeters) from the

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previous five-year average. Clarity was best when it first was recorded in 1968, with an average depth of 102.4 feet (31.2 meters). The disc used to measure it typically was visible at depths of 85 feet (30 meters) or deeper through the 1970s and hovered near the worst levels during a severe drought in the late 1990s.

Since then, efforts have been underway to restore natural wetlands and meadows displaced by past development. Those areas play an important role in filtering water before it enters the lake, Schladow said. "Seasonal weather extremes will most likely drive greater swings in clarity from year to year in the future, so it's imperative we continue to invest in the lake's restoration to combat new and emerging threats," said Joanne Marchetta, executive director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. □

U.S. forecasters: Expect near normal Atlantic hurricane season



This Sept. 11, 2018 enhanced satellite image made available by NOAA shows Tropical Storm Florence, upper left, in the Atlantic Ocean, Tropical Storm Isaac, center, and at right Hurricane Helene.

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Atlantic hurricane season is off to yet another early start, but U.S. weather officials say it should be a near normal year.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Thursday predicted nine to 15 named storms. It says four to eight of them will become hurricanes and two to four of those would become major hurricanes with 111 mph winds

or higher. Acting NOAA Administrator Neil Jacobs said a current El Nino, a periodic natural warming of the central Pacific that changes weather worldwide, suppresses hurricane activity in the Atlantic. But other forces, including warmer-than-normal seawater, counter that.

Last year had 15 named storms, eight hurricanes and two major ones, Florence and Michael. Those two big storms hit the United States and together di-

rectly killed 38 people and caused \$49 billion in damages. The Atlantic basin averages 12 named storms a year, with six becoming hurricanes and three becoming major storms.

NOAA said there's a 40% chance of a normal season, with 30% chances of both stronger and weaker seasons. "That's still a lot of activity," said NOAA forecaster Gerry Bell. "You need to start to prepare for hurricane season now."

Hurricane season traditionally starts June 1, but this week subtropical storm Andrea briefly popped up, marking the fifth straight year a named storm came in May or earlier. (Forecasters name storms with maximum sustained winds of at least 39 mph, or 63 kph.) Bell said this year's forecast had "competing factors" that balanced out. The El Nino brings wind changes that can keep storms from forming and reduce their strength, but this year's El Nino is weak, Bell said. □

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California show explores Warhol's social, tech foreshadowing

By KATIE OYAN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Before Instagram and Facebook, before selfies and filters that perfect selfies, there was Andy Warhol, using his art to imbue friends, family, celebrities — even himself — with a certain mystique.

A retrospective of Warhol's work on display in San Francisco captures the artist's ability to use paintings, drawings, photographs and other mediums to create buzz-worthy personas the way people do now using social media.

The idea of personal branding, "of how we can be who we want to be," was something Warhol was trading on more than a half-century ago, said Donna De Salvo, deputy director for international initiatives and senior curator at New York's Whitney Museum of American Art, where the exhibit originated. "He had a real understanding of something about American culture, which is now more global."

"Andy Warhol — From A to B and Back Again" opened this week at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and runs through Sept. 2. It includes more than 300 works spanning Warhol's 40-year career.

The show features some of the artist's most iconic creations — depictions of Campbell's soup cans and Brillo boxes, for instance, and silkscreen portraits of Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley and others — along with lesser-known pieces from his early and later years. It next travels to the Art Institute of Chicago.

"Warhol is constantly labeled a pop artist, but all that happened within three or four years, and then he moved on and the work goes quite dark and explores questions of gender and sexual identity, fame, subcultures," said Gary Garrels, Elise S. Haas senior curator of painting and sculpture for the San Francisco museum.

The show's title comes from Warhol's 1975 memoir in



In this photo taken Wednesday, May 15, 2019, a woman views commissioned portraits from 1968-1987 at the exhibition, "Andy Warhol From A to B and Back Again" in San Francisco.

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which he touches on key themes from his work, such as celebrity, money and love. The artist died in 1987 at age 58.

De Salvo said the San Francisco museum's team "really enlightened me in terms of thinking about Warhol through the lens of social media."

It's a common thread throughout the show.

"When you see some of the rooms, particularly the portraits, we really conceptualized it in a way of thinking about Facebook," she said.

Warhol's understanding of the power of images to create identity and aura can be traced to his early years, after he moved to New York in 1949 and got a job as a commercial illustrator. He did work for publications such as *Mademoiselle* and *Glamour* magazine.

"That idea of marketing and all the things we take for granted was just something Warhol was immersed in," De Salvo said. "And he was just such a sponge in his capacity to absorb things."

In 1963, he was commissioned to do his first portrait, of modern-art collector Ethel Redner Scull.

The artist took Scull to a photo booth in New York, gave her a stack of coins and said, "Pose," Garrels

said. She took 300 pictures, looking playful, pensive and everything in between.

"From that, he makes this painting," De Salvo said: "Ethel Scull 36 Times," a brightly colored montage of images that anticipated modern-day selfies and Instagram posts.

"You feel each moment," De Salvo said. "I think it's really one of Warhol's great commissioned portraits."

Warhol went on to do hundreds of portraits. They provide a window into his social network, which included friends, family members, lovers, musicians, actors, athletes and world leaders. De Salvo also notes the "multiplicity of images" in Warhol's work. □

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'Aladdin' soars, but 'Booksmart' barely passes at box office

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Moviegoers voted with their dollars and chose the familiar over the new this Memorial Day weekend. The Walt Disney Co.'s live-action remake of "Aladdin" crushed the competition at the box office, which included two new original R-rated films that opened as counterprogramming to the family pic: The critically

acclaimed teen comedy
"Booksmart" and the horror
movie "Brightburn."

But the strategy didn't quite work. "Aladdin" did better than expected, grossing an estimated \$86.1 million to take the top spot at the North American box office, according to studio estimates on Sunday. It'll likely pass \$100 million by Monday. The others didn't even break \$10 million.

"Aladdin," a musical-ad-



This image released by Disney shows Mena Massoud as Aladdin, left, and Will Smith as Genie in Disney's live-action adaptation of the 1992 animated classic "Aladdin."

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venture directed by Guy Ritchie, stars Will Smith, Mena Massoud and Naomi Scott and draws heavily on the music and story of the 1992 animated film (the top earner of that year) that it's based on. "We're delighted," said Cathleen Taff, Disney's president of theatrical distribution. "Between the fun action-adventure and spectacular music combined with the cast, which is so charming and has such great chemistry together, we've hit something that fans are embracing and walking

out of wanting to share with others." Audiences, who were 54% women and 51% families, gave the remake an A CinemaScore, which is much more promising for its continued success than the tepid critical reviews. The studio also got another metric with the newly launched verified Rotten Tomatoes audience rating. Over 7,000 people rated the film to give it a 93%.

"I'm so pleased that Rotten Tomatoes launched this, it means people bought the ticket. You can trust that people giving you the

score actually sat through the movie," Taff said. "We couldn't ask for a better barometer of fan reception."

With an international gross of \$121 million, "Aladdin" has already earned over \$207 million globally. It cost a reported \$183 million to produce.

The top few spots at the holiday box office were populated by known brands and sequels. "John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum," now in its second weekend, placed second with \$24.4 million. "Avengers: Endgame" took third with \$16.8 million, and "Pokémon Detective Pikachu" landed in fourth with \$13.3 million.

A surprise for many, however, was "Booksmart," an Annapurna film distributed by United Artists Releasing, which debuted in sixth with only \$6.5 million, despite excellent reviews and steady buzz from its SXSW film festival debut.

Although in line with studio expectations going into the weekend, some had thought that this would be a summer breakout hit. ☐

Fanning says she's been transformed by Cannes experience

Associated Press

CANNES, France (AP) — Elle Fanning, the youngest juror ever at the Cannes Film Festival, said she's been transformed by her experience at the French festival. The 21-year-old actresses' jury service came to an end Saturday with the Cannes closing ceremony. She wanted the festival to keep going.

"I didn't know how I would come out of this experience. I do feel like I see films in a different way. I learned so much," Fanning said after the ceremony. "I will never forget these ten days. I don't want it to be over."

Fanning was part of the nine-person jury that elected Bong Joon-ho's "Parasite" the Palme d'Or winner. Mexican director Alejandro Inarritu, president




Jury member Elle Fanning poses for photographers upon arrival at the premiere of the film 'Once Upon a Time in Hollywood' at the 72nd international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

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of the jury, praised Fanning for bringing a younger perspective to the jury.

"Having Elle in the jury was a gift," said Inarritu. "Elle is an old soul in a way. She has been doing films forever. But to have the fresh

ideas, it really grounded us."

Throughout the French film festival, Fanning was one of the standouts of the red carpet, regularly drawing praise for her glamorous and varied looks. 

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Theater company brings Shakespeare to steel

By KRISTEN DE GROOT
Associated Press

For more than a century, steel mills churning along Pittsburgh's three rivers helped define the region as one of the world's largest steel-making capitals until the collapse of the industry in the 1980s. Now, ruins of the industry loom massive and rusting, a reminder of power and loss. Where better to stage a production of Shakespeare's "King Lear?" Quantum Theatre is using the backdrop of the Carrie Furnace for its production of the bard's bleakest tragedy, which tells of grief and madness, family values gone wrong and a powerful king brought low.

"Pittsburgh was once a giant in that particular space. You can't be at the site without feeling the enormity of industry and the enormity of the fact that the industry collapsed and we were stripped as a region of this power," said Karla Boos, artistic director



In this Saturday, May 18, 2019, photo actor Jeffrey Carpenter, portraying the character King Lear, performs in the opening scene of the Quantum Theatre production of Shakespeare's tragedy at the site of the old Carrie steel producing blast furnace in Swissvale, Pa.

and founder of the theater company. "All very wonderful metaphors for King Lear."

The Carrie Furnaces are the last remaining structures of

what was once the thumping heart of the Homestead Steel Works, which produced steel used in the Empire State Building, the Brooklyn Bridge and other

iconic structures. The furnaces along the Monongahela River were built in the 1880s and operated until 1982. Only furnaces No. 6 and No. 7 remain. They're

among the only surviving pre-World War II blast furnaces in the United States, and are designated National Historic Landmarks. They were also the site of one of the nation's most dramatic and deadly labor conflicts. In 1892, a labor dispute at the Homestead Works turned violent when striking workers battled armed guards, a pivotal episode in the history of the country's labor movement. That history also fits into the violence of the play, Boos said.

After Act 1 in the shadow of blast furnace, the audience — armed with flashlights — takes a quarter-mile walk to a garden amid a circle of trees, surrounded by acres of nature that's reclaimed itself at the site. It's meant to evoke the English countryside.

"You go from a kind of majesty to a circle of trees in this wilderness, and experience the end of the play so intimately," Boos said. □

Associated Press

The white sands of Oahu's Kailua beach named best in America

By **CALEB JONES**

Associated Press

KAILUA, Hawaii (AP) — In Kailua, the sand is soft and white, the water is clear and calm, and the view is exactly what you would expect from a beach in the Hawaiian Islands.

Those are among the reasons Oahu's Kailua Beach Park has been selected as the best stretch of sand for an annual list of top U.S. beaches.

Stephen Leatherman, a coastal scientist and professor at Florida International University, has been drafting the list under the alias "Dr. Beach" since 1991. Leatherman uses 50 criteria to evaluate beaches, with the most important categories being water cleanliness, safety and management of the beach environment and its facilities. Leatherman uses data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to grade the beaches on water quality and has been to all the beaches on his list. Beaches in Hawaii are consistently ranked high, sometimes at the top of his list.

"I love Waikiki Beach. No question about that — a world-famous beach — but Kailua is a lot smaller and quieter," Leatherman said. "It's so much more peaceful. ... You don't have big high-rises and all that. Kailua is on the other side of the mountains. It's like a different world."



This May 13, 2010, file photo shows Coopers Beach in Southampton, N.Y. Stephen Leatherman, a coastal scientist and professor at Florida International University, has been drafting a list of the best beaches in the U.S. under alias "Dr. Beach" since 1991.

In recent years Leatherman has been giving extra credit to beaches that prohibit smoking, which all Oahu beaches do. He thinks other beaches around the state and country should follow suit.

Leatherman also looks for powdery soft white sand, something Kailua Beach Park has in abundance.

Vari Singh and her family were visiting Oahu from Los Angeles and spent a day in Kailua.

"The color of the sea is something like we've never seen before. The sand is super soft and fun to play with, it makes good sandcastles," she said as her daughter wiped sand from

her face. "And the scenery is beautiful, you just come over the hill and it's just this majestic scene of green ocean."

Leatherman acknowledged that not everyone appreciates the publicity his lists give to top beaches. "I get a lot of people who are very happy about it. They like to know where to go," Leatherman said. But "I always get some pushback. Oh yes, people say, 'Oh no, we already have too many people coming here. What are you doing?' It's almost like they think it's a secret beach or something. (Kailua) is not quite a secret beach. It is a real gem though."

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Braden Marquez, 18, who grew up in Kailua, says he is worried about overcrowding but also hopeful about the future of his hometown. "This beach is pretty special to me just because my family has been coming here for years and years," he said, noting the area has changed a lot since his childhood.

"(My) biggest concern would be losing the locals because of the influx of people," he said during a recent visit to the beach. "But other than that I'm pretty excited about all the new things to come." For the first 25 years of ranking, any beach that won the top spot on Leather-

man's list was ineligible for inclusion in subsequent years. But in 2015, Dr. Beach cleared the slate to allow any beach in the nation to once again be eligible, resetting the clock — and perhaps the relevance — involving his annual contest.

Kailua was named the best beach in 1998, making it a two-time winner.

Leatherman is again retiring new winners and posting them on his website.

The other beaches on this year's list are Ocracoke Lifeguarded Beach on North Carolina's Outer Banks in second place, followed by Grayton Beach State Park in the Florida panhandle; Coopers Beach, Southampton, New York; Duke Kahanamoku Beach on Oahu; Coast Guard Beach, Cape Cod, Massachusetts; Caladesi Island State Park, Dunedin-Clearwater, Florida; Hapuna State Beach Park on Hawaii's Big Island; Coronado Beach, San Diego, California; and Kiawah Beachwalker Park, Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Leatherman's goal in producing the list each year, he says, is to reward high-quality, safe beaches that balance nature with accessibility and amenities. He hopes beaches that haven't made his list will make changes for a better experience and a healthier coastal ecosystem. □



This May 21, 2014, file photo shows Duke Kahanamoku Beach in the Honolulu tourist neighborhood of Waikiki in Hawaii.

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In this March 25, 2017, file photo, riders and owners prepare their horses before the start of the inaugural Kiawah Cup Island Beach Race at Beachwalker Park on Kiawah Island in South Carolina.

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